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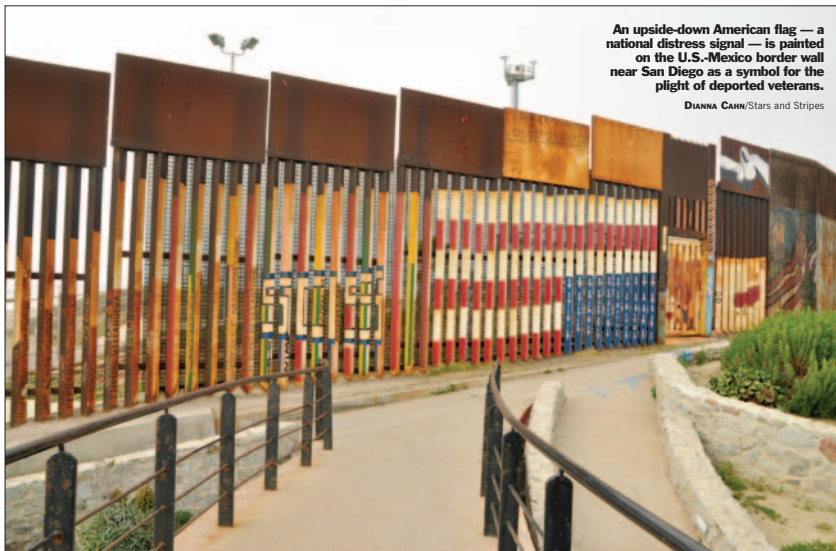
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An upside-down American flag — a national distress signal — is painted on the U.S.-Mexico border wall near San Diego as a symbol for the plight of deported veterans.

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DOD moves ahead with drone swarm technology

By AARON GREGG
The Washington Post

Flying aircraft carriers that launch and recover fleets of small, inexpensive drones could soon be part of the U.S. military arsenal as the Pentagon works with private technology partners to engineer that vision into reality.

In late April, the Pentagon's advanced research-and-development arm, known as DARPA, awarded a 21-month, \$38.6 million contract to Dynetics, a Huntsville, Ala.-based company, to work on the software and technology. San Diego-based Kratos, a venture-funded tech company that specializes in cheap drones used for target practice, joined as a subcontractor and will build a new class of drones whose wings can be folded up for easier storage in the belly of a plane.

For the U.S. military, gaining the ability to have multiple drones quickly and reliably take off from a plane and return to it would be a big step forward, aviation experts say. The goal is to build the technology and know-how needed to apply herds of small drones on the battlefield.

"You can send volleys of swarms over and over again and really just overwhelm an adversary with that complexity," said Tim Keeter, a deputy program manager and chief engineer at Dynetics. The lower cost could also allow the company's military customers to take greater risks and be more aggressive on the battlefield, Keeter said.

Commercial tech companies have already shown that they can coordinate flocks of drones to carry out tremendously complex aerial acrobatics. An aerial display organized by Silicon Valley chip manufacturer Intel was a highlight of the 2018 Winter Olympics in Seoul.

The program, code-named "Grenlins," calls for two companies to demonstrate the safe and reliable aerial launch and recovery of multiple unmanned aircraft. Having completed the

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A GREAT DIVIDE

US Border Patrol eyes murals painted by deported vets on Mexico border wall

By NIKKI WENTLING
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Navy veteran Amos Gregory, a muralist working in San Francisco, was inspired in 2013 to paint an upside-down flag on the border wall dividing San Diego and Tijuana — a distress signal that Gregory described as the perfect symbol to represent the plight of deported veterans.

Over the years, the mural has become a backdrop for their fight to return to the U.S.

Nearly five years after Gregory, 48, and a group of deported veterans finished the mural, U.S. Border Patrol has taken renewed interest in it. The agency is taking stock of paintings on the border wall because of complaints from the public about "graffiti," said William Rogers, the supervisory border patrol agent in San Diego.

A few weeks back, the chief patrol officer for Border Patrol's San Diego office called a group of deported veterans in Tijuana, named the Unified U.S. Deported Veterans, and Hector Lopez answered the phone.

Border wall murals

U.S. Border Patrol is determining whether to remove murals painted on the south side of the U.S.-Mexico border wall near Friendship Park, an area near San Diego where friends and family from opposite sides of the border gather to talk through a mesh-linked fence.



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Lopez, 54, is one of the veterans who helped paint the mural with Gregory.

"He told me that it was U.S. government property and that we needed to either cover it up or paint [the flag] the right way," Lopez said. "And if we didn't do it, then they would come across and do it themselves."

Based on that phone call, Gregory believes Border Patrol is specifically targeting the mural of the American flag.

"There's a focus on that particular mural and the message," Gregory said.

However, Rogers said the agent contacted Lopez and artists who worked on other murals to "offer them a voice" before the chief patrol agent decides whether to remove the paintings.

The murals were painted on the Mexico side of the border near Friendship Park, where friends and family members from opposite sides of the border often gather to talk through a mesh-linked fence. The area is under enforcement of the U.S.

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US, Philippines begin largest drills under Duterte

By SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

The United States and the Philippines have begun their largest multinational drills under President Rodrigo Duterte, who sought to scale down America's military presence in his country after taking office in June 2016.

About 8,000 U.S. and Philippine troops on Monday kicked off the 34th iteration of the annual Balikatan exercise — which means “shoulder to shoulder” in Tagalog — that runs through May 18 in the Philippines.

The U.S. has sent 3,000 servicemembers to this year's drills — about the same number as last year — while the Philippines has increased its participation to 5,000 personnel from the 2,800 who participated in 2017.

The drills come a week after CNBC reported that China had deployed surface-to-air and anti-ship missiles on disputed South China Sea islands, and a month after the Wall Street Journal said electronic jamming equipment on those islands was targeting U.S. Navy planes in the area.

The U.S. and the Philippines have clashed with China over access to disputed South China Sea waters. In 2016, the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague ruled in the Philippines' favor in a dispute with China over fishing access to Scarborough Shoal. China has ignored the ruling, and Duterte sidestepped the issue in a bid to establish closer relations with Beijing.

China's missile deployment could change the Philippines' approach to the South China Sea, which has involved moving exercises away from Scarborough Shoal, said Collin Koh, a research fellow for the Maritime Security Programme at Singapore's S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies.

“The Armed Forces of the Philippines have been willing to obey the instructions of the president in terms of de-escalating, but now the military might want a much harsher stance,” he said. “That could mean forces deployed to Palawan or am-



KWADWO FRIMPPONG/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

A Philippine soldier trains with U.S. servicemembers during the Balikatan drills in San Miguel, Bulacan, Philippines, last May.

“This year's exercise focuses on improving the effectiveness of U.S.-Philippine humanitarian aid and relief and counterterrorism efforts in response to a scenario-based crisis.”

Marine Corps 2nd Lt. Gregory Cronen
Balikatan exercise spokesman

phibious landing exercises near Scarborough Shoal.”

Marine Corps 2nd Lt. Gregory Cronen, a spokesman for the exercise, said Balikatan is not tied to any current events.

“This year's exercise focuses on improving the effectiveness of U.S.-Philippine humanitarian aid and relief and counterterrorism efforts in response to a scenario-

based crisis,” he said in an email.

U.S. forces delivered aid to the Philippines after 2013's deadly Typhoon Haiyan and provided training and support to Filipino troops battling Islamic State militants in the southern city of Marawi last year.

The Marawi battle coincided with an up-tick in U.S.-Philippines military ties, which had been strained over Duterte's violent

war on drugs and his efforts to draw closer to China and Russia.

On Friday, the U.S. Agency for International Development announced it would provide \$3.5 million to build shelters for 58,000 people displaced by the Marawi fighting, protect women and children, repair water and sanitation and stimulate the local economy. The U.S. has spent \$26.4 million responding to the conflict.

Last month, the allies broke ground on the first major project under an Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement — a warehouse at Cesar Basa Air Base on the island of Luzon where the U.S. will store equipment.

More facilities for American forces are to be built under the agreement at Fort Magsaysay Military Reservation, Lumbia Airfield, Antonio Bautista Air Base and Mactan-Benito Ebuen Air Base, according to the State Department.

Balikatan is being held at multiple locations on Luzon, according to the U.S. Embassy in Manila.

“The training will emphasize mutual defense operations so both nations can more effectively employ forces and provide assistance in the event of crises that endanger public health and safety,” the embassy said in a statement.

American units involved in Balikatan include elements of the Okinawa, Japan-based III Marine Expeditionary Force; the Army's Hawaii-based 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division; the Navy's Guam-based Task Force 75; and various Air Force units flying A-10 Thunderbolt IIs, C-130 and C-17 transports and HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopters.

The Marines have brought four MV-22B Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft and some amphibious vehicles, while the Army is moving in CH-47, UH-60 and HH-60 helicopters.

Sixty Australian Defence Force troops and 20 Japan Self-Defense Forces personnel are also involved in the drills, Cronen said.

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Mural: US considering removing border art honoring deported vets

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Border Patrol.

"The Chief Patrol Agent for San Diego Sector decided to reach out to the groups and artists that created these murals and engage them in conversation before making any final decision on remediation or preservation," Rogers said in a statement. "Part of this process is simply trying to figure out what is truly graffiti and what should be classified as an intentional mural."

"It is also important to understand that this is U.S. government property and that all of the graffiti and/or paintings were applied without permission," he said.

Rogers did not offer a time frame for when the Border Patrol would decide whether to remove any murals.

Gregory criticized the agency's interest in the paintings.

"When did Border Patrol get in the business of curating art-work?" he said.

The timing of the call from Border Patrol and its review is bewildering and disheartening, Gregory said.

In mid-April, one of the veterans who helped paint the American flag mural rocketed to national prominence when he obtained U.S. citizenship 14 years after he was deported to Mexico. Hector Barajas-Varela, 40, became the



Courtesy of Amos Gregory

Deported veterans helped Navy veteran and muralist Amos Gregory paint a mural on the border wall near San Diego.

first known deported veteran to be naturalized as a U.S. citizen.

In 2016, a photo of Barajas-Varela standing in front of the mural was used as the cover for "Discharged, Then Discarded," a report from the American Civil Liberties Union about deported veterans. Star and Stripes reported Barajas-Varela in 2016.

"Here's this uplifting moment for deported veterans worldwide, and then this symbol, they call about taking it down just be-



DIANNA CARR/Stars and Stripes

A mural on the U.S.-Mexico border wall shows an upside-down American flag, a distress signal the artist said symbolizes the plight of deported veterans, whose names are also included in the mural.

fore?" Gregory said. "That really sucks."

According to the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, there are about 3,000 cases of veterans being deported to countries around the world, though it's difficult to know an exact number because the U.S. government doesn't specifically track them.

Noncitizens who serve in the U.S. military are granted the right to citizenship, but they must apply for it — a requirement

some advocates and lawmakers believe isn't made clear to servicemembers. Veterans who haven't attained citizenship can be deported if they are convicted of certain infractions, including drug crimes, domestic violence and voter fraud.

Some lawmakers have been working to secure more rights for noncitizens who serve in the military and grant access to VA services for those already deported. Next week, Barajas-Varela is ex-

pected to be part of a forum about deported veterans on Capitol Hill.

To Gregory, Border Patrol's scrutiny of his mural sends a deeper message about how the government views deported veterans.

"That symbol will change when the situation for deported veterans changes," Gregory said. "Until they're not in distress, it will be the symbol."

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DOD seeks to limit Congress' efforts on child-on-child sex assault

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WASHINGTON — U.S. military officials have sought to ward off congressional efforts to address child-on-child sexual assaults on bases, even as they disclose the problem is larger than previously acknowledged.

Members of Congress expressed alarm and demanded answers after an Associated Press investigation revealed reports of sexual violence among kids on U.S. military bases and at Pentagon-run schools are getting lost in a dead zone of justice that often leaves victim and offender without help.

With at least three potential legislative fixes being drafted, military officials have had a clear message during briefings with lawmakers and their staffs: We can handle this on our own. It's a strategy that began months ago after the Pentagon received the AP's questions and before officials understood the scope or severity of the problem.

In March, the AP documented nearly 600 sex assault cases among children and teens on U.S. bases worldwide over a 10-year period. Army criminal investigators have now added another 86 investigations to the 223 they initially disclosed. The revision came after the AP challenged data that suggested major installations in several states and overseas had no or only a few such sexual assault cases.

One Texas congressman has filed legislation directing the Pentagon to transfer cases to state authorities who, unlike the

The AP documented nearly 600 sex assault cases among children and teens on U.S. bases worldwide over 10 years.

military or federal prosecutors, have more experience handling juvenile offenders. At least two Senate offices are drafting legislative language to address the problems.

Officials from the service branches and the Pentagon school system lobbied for time to fix the problem themselves, according to interviews and records.

School system officials have told the AP they were developing new rules for responding to the sexual violence. The Defense Department promised more broadly to take "appropriate actions" to help juveniles involved in sex assaults.

"I think they would like to make the corrections ... because, simply, they can do it faster than Congress can," Sen. Joni Ernst, an Iowa Republican who served in the Army National Guard and is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said of her meeting with Pentagon school system officials.

Ernst said school officials did not offer specific steps they would take and that, while she supported internal reforms, she might still back legislation.

A staffer in another senator's office said the military briefers thought they were getting the problem under control.

"They did not want any legislative action on this," said the staffer, who was not authorized to speak publicly and did so on condition of anonymity. The staffer thought legislation would be needed.

Some military officials began discussing how to limit congressional involvement last fall as the AP was gathering records and data about child-on-child sexual assaults on bases. At that point, the Pentagon was not tracking the problem, but some military officials expected news coverage to generate attention from Congress.

The AP's investigation found many reports were shelved by military criminal investigators while other cases were unprosecuted by civilian authorities, who are responsible because military law doesn't apply to servicemembers' families.

"I hope to be able to demonstrate that we are making progress on our own, and do not need any legislative assistance," Col. William Smoot, the Army's chief of criminal law, wrote in an October email to fellow Judge Advocate General lawyers. Smoot asked colleagues to relate how they were coordinating with civilian prosecutors so the Army could "determine what, if any, changes should be made."

Approached in person recently, Smoot refused a reporter to the Army's press office, which later characterized the email as reflecting the Army's desire to "coordinate

its efforts with Congress."

"Although the Army has sufficient authority to improve its response to juvenile misconduct cases," a statement said, "the Army greatly respects Congress' oversight role and will continue to work closely with Congress on this issue."

Last month, the Army's Criminal Investigation Command released data under a Freedom of Information Act request that showed it had undercounted the number of investigations its agents had conducted.

The additional cases the Army released showed that installations where the agency had reported zero incidents in fact did have investigations. Those included bases in Hawaii, Louisiana, Missouri, Alabama, Alaska, Oklahoma, South Korea and Germany.

Army Criminal Investigation Command spokesman Chris Grey wrote in an email that the agency "hand searched" cases it had recorded as still "open," some dating to 2007, and found that 86 had been closed. Investigators concluded the allegations were true in 83 percent of those cases, the AP found.

The Army still has not disclosed the number of pending sexual assault investigations it has involving kids on base.

The lack of reliable tracking concerns Sen. Claire McCaskill, a Missouri Democrat and former prosecutor who also sits on the Senate Armed Services Committee. In an April 27 letter to Army Secretary Mark Esper, she wrote of the "strong possibility" that the military was not coordinating well with civilian authorities.

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Military agencies seek a solution to United's pet shipment limits

By LEON COOK
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — U.S. military agencies are working on a solution for military families affected by United Airlines' new pet transportation policy, called "PetSafe." Navy officials in Japan said Monday.

Twenty-nine breeds of dogs and four breeds of cats are banned under the new United policy announced last week. The airline is also barring carriers taller than 30 inches required for most Labradors, golden retrievers and German shepherds.

A message posted Monday on Sasebo Naval Base's Facebook page said U.S. Forces Japan, the services and U.S. Transportation Command "are working together on potential solutions."

USJF is gathering information about service members and their pets who are affected by recent changes in pet travel policy on commercial airlines," Maj. John Severns, a USJF spokesman, told Stars and Stripes on Monday in an email.

"We understand that pets are part of our military families, and we are committed to working with others across the Department of Defense to identify potential solutions to this problem."

Officials with U.S. TRANSCOM, based at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., were not immediately available for comment Monday. A spokesman with United Airlines could not be immediately reached.

United spokesman Charles Hobart said last week that the new rules are aimed at improving the safety of pets while traveling.

The ban includes breeds with short and snub noses — such as bulldogs, boxers and pugs — as well as Himalayan and Persian cats because research shows they have trouble breathing on planes.

It also targets "strong-jawed" dogs, such as mastiffs, Malinois, and pit bulls.

The change will be "catastrophic for pet owners," especially military families overseas who already have few options, Leo Mendoza, owner of a pet shipment company in South Korea, told Stars and Stripes last week.

Airlines such as Lufthansa and Korean Air will ship large-breed dogs, but they don't offer nonstop flights to many destinations and charge more than twice as much as United, he said.

Also, the changes have provided opportunities for some to prey on servicemembers unsure about how their pets will get to the next duty station.

Patrick Yarlett, an airman at Yokota, said he was scammed out of nearly \$3,000 by a pet shipment broker that never provided booking information after he paid for his two dogs to fly to Guam.

Yarlett has since contracted with another agency to move his dogs, but he warns servicemembers to do their homework before trying to ship a pet.

"The changes to United's 'Pet-Safe' program could expose many other servicemembers to scams," he said.

An online petition started at Change.org by Mendoza last week asks United to make an exception for overseas servicemembers whose pets already traveled using the service — an arrangement similar to that USJF hopes to reach.

The petition had nearly 72,000 signatures as of Monday evening in Japan.

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Vice Adm. John Aquilino salutes Vice Adm. Scott Stearney at a change-of-command ceremony in Manama, Bahrain, on Sunday.

CENTCOM's Stearney takes over as 5th Fleet commander

By JASON BEHNKE
Stars and Stripes

MANAMA, Bahrain — After only eight months on the job, Vice Adm. John Aquilino on Sunday turned over command of the U.S. 5th Fleet and Naval Forces Central Command to Vice Adm. Scott Stearney.

"I'm very grateful, thankful and I'm humbled for the opportunity to lead the maritime forces in the region," Stearney said during a change-of-command ceremony at Naval Support Activity Bahrain, where the 5th Fleet is based. He last served as director of operations at U.S. Central Command.

Several regional leaders attended the event, including Bahrain Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa. Aquilino asked the Bahrainis to thank the king for the "wonderful friendship" they shared while he was stationed there.

The prime minister praised Aquilino's efforts in strengthening friendship and cooperation between the United States and the island kingdom, the Bahrain News Agency reported.

Aquilino served only eight months in the position because of his promotion to admiral earlier this year and his selection to take command of the Hawaii-based Pacific Fleet.

"As many of you know from working with him, [Aquilino] is the perfect fit for a command that is so important to our nation and to many of our allies," Gen. Joseph Votel, commander of U.S. Central Command, said during the ceremony. "We are proud to say he was ours for at least a while."

Aquilino is expected to relieve Adm. Scott Swift later this month in Hawaii. Swift announced his retirement last September after learning that he would not be nominated to lead U.S. Pacific Command.

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Drones: Program's next goal is safe takeoff and return of 4 gremlins on C-130 cargo plane

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technical designs for the small drones and the complex sensor systems that will enable them to fly in tandem, the companies are now working on the software that will allow for safe takeoff and landing.

Next, they will have to show that we can launch a pack of four drones from the body of a C-130 cargo plane, send them out to fly on their own for 30 minutes and then fly back into the plane.

Dynetics has already demonstrated the recovery system on the C-130, company officials said Friday, using a mock-up drone that successfully separated from the wing of the plane. (The mock-up later crashed to the ground.)

The company demonstrated the aerial recovery system by lowering a similar mock-up drone down from the plane and then pulling it back into the belly of the aircraft.

"Early flight tests have given us confidence we can meet our objective to recover four gremlins in 30 minutes," DARPA pro-

gram Manager Scott Wierzbanski said in an email. Dynetics is preparing to publish a video detailing the test.

'Early flight tests have given us confidence we can meet our objective to recover four gremlins in 30 minutes.'

Scott Wierzbanski
DARPA program manager

Now, almost a century later, officials think smaller, more reliable drones offer a new opportunity.

David Deptula, a retired Air Force general who serves as the dean of the Mitchell Institute of Aerospace Power Studies, said that proving safe and reliable aerial recovery would mean new opportunities for the military.

"We haven't done this before," Deptula said. "This is greatly expanding the envelope in increasing a mission area that is in extraordinary demand."

For now, there's relatively little funding behind the effort; the entire program will cost \$64 million over 43 months, about two-thirds the cost of a single F-35 Joint Strike Fighter. But government officials say these sorts of efforts are a critical component of the Pentagon's plan to outmatch potential "nation-state" enemies, most notably Russia and China.

The Gremlins program started under the Obama administration as part of a pool of investments referred to as the "Third Offset." The program includes using advancements in robotics, unmanned vehicles and

artificial intelligence to ensure that the United States would remain dominant in a war against another government.

The Gremlins program is part of a broader school of thought among military theorists, which holds that the pilots of the future will fly into enemy airspace flanked by unmanned or robotic companions.

DIUX, the Pentagon's Silicon Valley technology investment arm, has invested in robotic, jet-powered drones designed to fly alongside fighter planes to absorb enemy fire in lieu of expensive, manned fighter jets. The Navy is working on autonomous submarines that can clear mines, scout dangerous areas or carry a payload.

Now, with defense spending poised to increase over the next two years, such investments stand to benefit from more financial firepower.

"I definitely think collaborative systems are the future," Assistant Secretary of the Air Force Will Roper said during a recent panel discussion.

MILITARY



WWII-era planes take to the sky at UK fundraiser

By WILLIAM HOWARD
Stars and Stripes

RAF LAKENHEATH, England — The only Republic P-47 Thunderbolt flying outside the U.S. followed a much smaller Supermarine Spitfire onto the flight line Monday as part of a yearly money-raising effort for the Air Force Assistance Fund.

Airmen were invited to take an up-close look and to step into the cockpits of the historic planes from the Imperial War Museums at Duxford, England.

The P-47 Thunderbolt, the fighter the 48th Fighter Wing flew during World War II, was painted in the 492nd Fighter Squadron's striking, red and white invasion stripes from that period. Nicknamed "The Jug," the P-47 was the most-produced American fighter of World War II. It held its own in air-to-air combat but was especially useful as a fighter-bomber, providing close air support to the troops on the ground.

The Spitfire that flew on Monday was the one that escorted the famous Memphis Belle B-17 Flying Fortress during its last mission in Germany. The model was Britain's most famous air-

craft of WWII and was a hero of the Battle of Britain, which ended Hitler's hopes of invading the island nation.

"We wanted to make sure that our aircraft could reach out and touch that continuity of heritage," said 492nd FS commander Lt. Col. Jeremy Renken. "The airmen here really represent an ongoing, sustained commitment to not only air power in Europe, but also that special trans-Atlantic relationship we have with the U.K."

Monday's event was part of an annual effort to raise money for the Air Force Assistance Fund, which benefits active-duty airmen, retirees, reservists, guardsmen and their families.

"As an airman first class when I was stationed in Japan, I got a Red Cross notification and I needed to get home right away," said Capt. Jessica Thomas, an AFAPF volunteer. "And if it wasn't for the Air Force Assistance Fund, I wouldn't have been able to. Every year when it comes around, it means something special to me."

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Above: A Republic P-47 Thunderbolt, second from left, and a Supermarine Spitfire, far right, are parked with F-15 Eagles from the 492nd Fighter Squadron for a wing heritage fundraising event Monday at RAF Lakenheath, England.

Above left: Airmen look at a Supermarine Spitfire from the Imperial War Museums.

Left: A Supermarine Spitfire, left, and a Republic P-47 Thunderbolt fly into RAF Lakenheath, England, on Monday for the event.

Below: Airmen of the 492nd Fighter Squadron pose Monday with a Republic P-47 Thunderbolt.

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Stars and Stripes



Couple admit to Fort Gordon bid rigging in \$20M conspiracy case

By SANDY HODSON

The Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle

An Army colonel and his wife admitted to participating in a \$20 million bid-rigging conspiracy, taking bribes to steer contracts in the building and modernization of the Army's information and communications network.

Col. Anthony Roper, 56, and Audra Roper, 50 pleaded guilty Friday in U.S. District Court — he to procurement integrity fraud and she to accessory after the fact.

The Ropers initially were indicted in July 2017, but a new, streamlined indictment was returned Feb. 7 that contained 13

charges of procurement integrity fraud, bribery, accessory after the fact, false statements and obstruction of justice. They lost a motion to suppress evidence in the case in March.

On Friday, Preston Johnson, of the Army's criminal investigation division, testified they first got a tip about the conspiracy in 2014 between Roper and his former superior officer, Col. Calvin Lawyer. At the time, Roper was in charge of overseeing the building and modernization of the Army's information and communications network at Fort Gordon.

Lawyer and former contract employee Dayne Fulton plead-

ed guilty in November. Their sentencing hearings, as well as the Ropers', have not been set yet.

Lawyer started his own company, Communications, Research, Engineering and Consultant Group, after retiring in 2008. Roper awarded more than \$20 million of sole-source contracts to Lawyer. Lawyer paid Roper \$199,278 in bribes in exchange for rigging the bids.

Fulton worked for the large defense contractor Kratos Defense & Security Solutions Inc. He conspired with Lawyer to get his company contracts by using Lawyer's company as a front. Kratos employees would do the

work for contracts Lawyer was awarded, which was an illegal pass-through.

After the four learned federal investigators were looking at

them, they met to devise a cover story by creating false invoices and a shell company, Johnson said Friday. Roper's wife helped in that effort.

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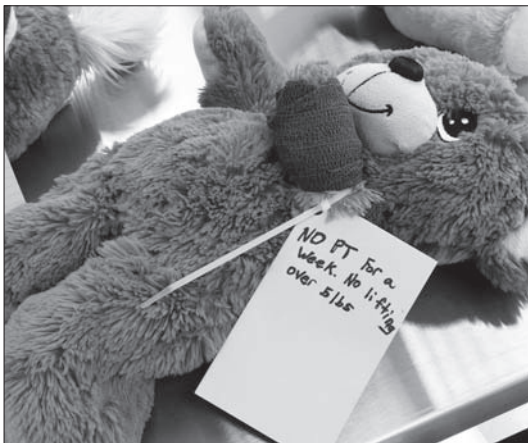


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Above: A "patient" is propped up after base veterinarians operated on its face at the base animal hospital during the "Teddy Bear Clinic" in Vilseck, Germany, on Monday. Below: Veterinarians operate on a stuffed horse.



Above: Veterinarian technician Spc. Michael Simmons sutures a stuffed animal. Below: A "patient" rests after an operation for an arm injury.



'Teddy Bear Clinic'

Army veterinarians hone skills by stitching up stuffed animals

By MARTIN EGNASH
Stars and Stripes

VILSECK, Germany — Local teddy bears and other stuffed animals received serious postsurgery instructions after Army veterinary workers operated on "injured" stuffed animals for the children of servicemembers and civilians.

"No physical training for two weeks and get plenty of cuddles," clinic workers told the children about the stuffed animals in recovery.

Medics at the "Teddy Bear Clinic" have reattached broken limbs, sewed up lacerations and performed emergency organ transplants (replaced lost stuffing) at the Vilseck hospital over the past few weeks.

The last patients will be released from medical care this week.

The goal of the clinic was to provide the veterinarians with a safe way to practice suturing techniques on something resembling an animal without the risk of working on somebody's living pet.

"It was actually good training," said Spc. Michael Simmons, a veterinarian technician on base. "We don't get a lot of opportunities to work on suturing."

The stuffed animals were provided by local soldiers and families looking to have their kids' companions stitched up.

The veterinary hospital is planning similar clinics later this year.

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WAR ON TERRORISM

Failed suicide bombing targets Kabul blood drive

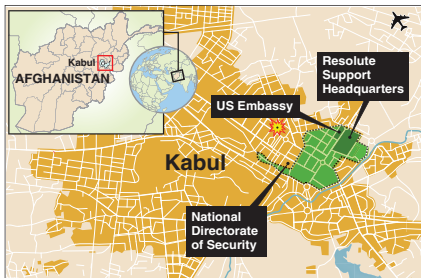
BY ZUBAIR BABAKARKHAIL
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Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — Kabul police foiled an attempted attack on civilians gathered for a blood-collection drive in a park about a mile from the U.S. Embassy and NATO headquarters, officials said Monday.

The blood drive Monday was organized for the victims of a deadly twin bombing last week that killed dozens of Afghans, including nine reporters who had rushed to the scene.

Many others were wounded in the dual bombing, which was claimed by the Islamic State affiliate in the country.

A suicide bomber was walking



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toward a tent in Shar-e Naw Park where blood donors had gathered

when police ordered him to stop shortly after 11 a.m., police

spokesman Hashmat Stanikzai said. "As police started shooting at him, he detonated the explosives," he said. There were no other casualties.

The park is in a busy district of the city that is home to many restaurants and shops as well as several fortified compounds housing international aid groups and government agencies.

Activists said Sunday that the blood donations would support Afghan security forces and civilians.

Kabul, once a relatively safe city in the beleaguered country, has become increasingly dangerous in recent years as insurgent groups have conducted several successful attacks.

The latest attempt comes as Taliban guerrillas are expected

to intensify their activity as part of their spring offensive.

Also on Monday, a blast went off inside a school in a refugee settlement in the capital of eastern Logar province, damaging the building, which also served as a voter registration center.

It's among the latest in a string of threats and attacks against election facilities. It detonated before children or teachers arrived, and no one was hurt, local media reported.

A day earlier, a bombing in Khost province killed 17 people and wounded 37 others at a mosque that was serving as a voter registration center in a busy part of the provincial capital.

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UN says Afghan air raid in April killed 30 children

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BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan — An Afghan airstrike in Kunduz province last month killed 30 children and wounded 51, the United Nations mission to Afghanistan said Monday.

The U.N. said in a report that the children were among 36 people killed and 71 wounded in the April 2 attack in the Dashti Archi district of the northern province.

It said the casualty toll may have been even higher.

Afghan defense officials initially said the attack targeted about 30 Taliban leaders who were taking part in a military parade. They said the strike was on a Taliban training camp, with foreign fighters from across the border in Tajikistan and Uzbekistan among the dead.

The U.N. launched its probe after an outcry from locals who said the gathering was largely a

civilian one. A local official said the air raid hit a graduation ceremony at a religious school and that the dead included both civilians and militants.

The U.N. said in its report it was unable to confirm that all casualties were civilians or that Taliban leaders were present. In a statement, the world body said the key finding was that the government fired "rockets and heavy machine gun fire on and around a religious gathering, killing and

injuring civilians, the majority of whom were children."

The findings were based on more than 90 interviews with victims, witnesses, government officials and medical personnel as well as three large community meetings in the provincial capital and a fact-finding mission to the site.

A spokesman for the Afghan Defense Ministry declined to comment on the findings.

The U.S. military was not in-

volved in the strike, officials have said. But the U.S.-led coalition has been building up the government's air force, and officials have touted it as a success of the NATO train-advise-assist mission.

NATO trainers have said Afghan pilots have shown judgment and restraint in their use of weapons, calling off strikes when civilian casualties seemed likely.

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Saudi coalition airstrikes hit presidency building in Yemen, killing at least 6

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SANAA, Yemen — Airstrikes by the Saudi-led coalition fighting Yemen's Shiite rebels targeted the presidency building in the heart of the Yemeni capital on Monday, leaving at least six people dead and 30 wounded, according to health officials.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media, said the six killed were all civilians. It was not known if there were any Houthi rebel leaders inside the building at the time of the airstrikes in Sanaa or if there were any casualties among them.

The three-floor presidency building was completely flattened, with surrounding buildings in the city's busy Tahrir district — including a famous five-star hotel — were heavily damaged. Cars were charred and pools of blood covered the pavement.

Many were believed to have been killed under the rubble.

Ambulances rushed to the area to retrieve the casualties.

The Saudi-led coalition has been at war with the Houthis since 2015 to restore the country's internationally recognized government to power. The war has killed more than 10,000 people and driven 3 million from their homes.

Last month, the coalition killed a top Houthi leader, Salah al-Sammar, in the Red Sea port city of Hodeida. Al-Sammar was also the acting president of the territory under rebel control, while the Houthis' leader, Abdel-Malek al-Houthi, has mostly kept out of the public eye, addressing Yemenis only in occasional newscasts on rebel-run outlets.

Monday's airstrikes appeared to have targeted al-Sammar's successor, Mahdi al-Mashat.

Witnesses described a scene of devastation. One resident said he saw bodies blown up before his eyes, a body thrown by the force of the blast against a shop and a car washer killed by shrapnel. The eyewitnesses spoke on condition of anonymity fearing reprisals.

Windows of surrounding houses were shattered, while



HANI MOHAMMED/AP

Yemenis inspect the damage after deadly airstrikes in and near the presidency compound in Sanaa, Yemen, on Monday.

the nearby Sheba Hotel had its window and entrance door blown out.

Security forces cordoned off the area and forced journalists

away from the site.

The sprawling presidency compound in Tahrir consists of several buildings walled off from the rest of the district.

Images that surfaced on social media in the aftermath of the strikes show bloodied faces of the wounded and columns of smoke rising over Sanaa.

MILITARY

Group looking to transcribe stories from WWII soldiers

By WILL MORRIS
Stars and Stripes

A Virginia Tech group is looking for history buffs, grateful citizens and others to enlist on V-E Day to help catalog thousands of firsthand accounts from soldiers about their daily lives during World War II.

The personal, handwritten accounts come from 65,000 documents collected during the war by the Army's Information and Education Division Research Branch. The Army leadership created the branch to tap into the mindset of its troops on a variety of issues. They issued surveys to soldiers on everything from field rations to the horrors of combat.

The frankness of the narratives is surprising, said Edward Gitre, Virginia Tech assistant history professor and director of "The American Soldier in World War II" transcription project.

In one survey, a soldier in the 28th Infantry Division — which would spend 196 days on the front lines as it fought the Germans — laments that morale was low because of his unit's leadership.

"The 28th Division on a whole

is run not for the soldier, but for the officers. I have no grudge, nor am I jealous of them, I have seen some good ones but they were regular Army men," he said. "This Division is run on a 'who you know' basis. If the officer doesn't know me, I haven't a chance. The men here are all right but have lost all respect for the Army and don't care what they (do) to the officers. All in all it adds up to one thing — the men are O.K. but the officers stink."

Beginning Tuesday, online volunteers can read stories like these while helping the project transcribe them from scanned microfilm into an online searchable database. Volunteers in the transcription effort can find the directions at: <https://www.zooniverse.org/projects/tkotwim/the-american-soldier/classify>.

Gitre knew he had found a historian's "gold mine" when he first saw the surveys in 2011, because soldiers were instructed to write freely and anonymously.

"So much that comes to us from that time period is censored, but these are anonymous and uncensored," Gitre said.

Gitre was struck by how re-

spondents expressed the issue of race. Many soldiers expressed racist attitudes toward blacks and Jews, while others talked about Jim Crow laws.

"It didn't surprise me they would hold the views," Gitre said. "But that they would share these views with a level of openness and candor."

The research led to dramatic changes eventually, including the desegregation of the Army. There is no evidence, however, that top Army leaders at that time wanted to study integration to see if it would work.

"The Research Branch had an interest and were careful to embed questions about race without making the survey about race relations," Gitre said. "They had to be careful and were. After the fact, they were quite proud of the research and touted it as a significant outcome."

In units where black and white soldiers worked closely, racism began to fall away as people of different backgrounds were exposed to one another and tasked with goals for the common good, such as staying alive, the Research Branch found.



Courtesy of the National Archives

Soldiers on Okinawa on May 8, 1945, listen to reports of Germany's surrender. A history project known as "The American Soldier in WWII" is converting microfilm of surveys of WWII soldiers into a searchable internet database.

"They discovered that not only did the units perform just as well but that the contact between the races helped to defuse some of the racial tensions in the units," Gitre said.

"The American Soldier in World War II" is a collaborative project, directed by Virginia Tech's library and its history and computer science departments. It is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and is receiving technical support from the National Archives and Records Administration.

The narrative portions of the surveys from WWII will be linked to other survey data col-

lected at the same time. All of the documents from the surveys will be made public online.

Kurt Luther, project technical director and assistant computer science professor at Virginia Tech, said the soldiers' daily struggles resonated with him.

"It's really powerful to hear what these soldiers felt in their own words," Luther said. "Seeing their handwriting. To see what these soldiers went through is remarkable. It's a shame that these stories have been locked up for so many years."

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NATION

Ill. counties declare 'sanctuary' status for gun owners

By DON BABWIN
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Several rural Illinois counties have taken a stand for gun rights by co-opting a word that conservatives associate with a liberal policy to skirt the law: sanctuary.

At least five counties recently passed resolutions declaring themselves sanctuary counties for gun owners — a reference to so-called sanctuary cities such as Chicago that don't cooperate with aspects of federal immigration enforcement.

The resolutions are meant to put the Democratic-controlled Legislature on notice that if it passes a host of gun bills, including new age restrictions for certain weapons, a bump stock ban and a size limit for gun magazines, the counties might bar their employees from enforcing the new laws.

"It's a buzzword, a word that really gets attention," said David Campbell, vice chairman of the Effingham County Board. "With all these sanctuary cities, we just decided to turn it around to protect our Second Amendment rights."

He said at least 20 Illinois counties and local officials in Oregon and Washington have asked

for copies of Effingham County's resolution.

County officials fear their state legislators won't be able to stop the passage of the gun restrictions because they are outnumbered by lawmakers from in and around Chicago, where the vast majority of the more than 650 homicides last year involved guns.

Co-opting the sanctuary title is also a way of drawing attention to the rural-urban political divide that was so stark in the last general election, when "downstate" areas of Illinois backed Donald Trump while Chicago backed Hillary Clinton, who grew up in the suburbs.

Not lost on them is that lawmakers from Chicago were instrumental in turning Illinois into what they derisively call a "sanctuary state" by passing recent legislation that prohibits local law enforcement from arresting or detaining people based solely on their immigration status. Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner signed it into law.

"They are trying to make a point that they really resent how the city of Chicago treats the rest of the state and how they're treated as gun owners," said Richard Pearson, executive director of the Illinois State Rifle Association.

Hearing could factor heavily in Missouri governor's case

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — A judge on Monday was to consider whether the pivotal witness in Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens' criminal trial — a woman involved in an affair with him — should be prohibited from testifying.

Circuit Judge Rex Burlison was scheduled to preside over the hearing, just a week before Greitens stands trial for felony invasion of privacy.

The married Republican governor is accused of taking an unauthorized photo of the woman during a sexual encounter at his St. Louis home in 2015 before he was elected. Four days after the trial began, Missouri lawmakers will convene a special session to consider impeaching Greitens over allegations of sexual misconduct stemming from the affair and misuse of a charity donor list for his political campaign.

Defense attorneys contend the woman's testimony has been tainted by the misdeeds of William T. Sisy, a private investigator hired

by Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner who interviewed the woman. They have accused Tisy of lying to the court and withholding evidence. He repeatedly has declined to reply to phone messages and emails seeking comment.

Prosecutors could not obtain the reputed photo so the woman's testimony is crucial to their case.

In a court filing Thursday, defense attorney Jim Martin wrote that Gardner shares the blame for Tisy's actions.

"Everything Mr. Tisy has touched (all with the help of Ms. Gardner) must be excluded from any trial," Martin wrote.

The circuit attorney's office acknowledges mistakes by Tisy but has denied that his actions tainted the case.

Greitens also faces a second, unrelated felony charge of computer tampering for allegedly using a donor list from the veterans' charity he founded, The Mission Continues, to raise money for his 2016 gubernatorial campaign. A trial date in that case has not been set.



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A lava lake is seen Sunday at the summit of Kilauea near Pahoa, Hawaii.

26 homes destroyed by lava from Hawaii volcano

By CALEB JONES, JENNIFER PELTZ
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Associated Press

PAHOA, Hawaii — Hawaii's Kilauea volcano destroyed 26 homes and spewed lava hundreds of feet into the air, leaving evacuated residents unsure how long they might be displaced.

In revised figures Sunday, Hawaii County officials said another four unspecified structures were covered by lava.

Hawaii officials said the decimated homes were in the Leilani Estates subdivision, where molten rock, toxic gas and steam have been bursting through openings in the ground created by the volcano.

Some of the more than 1,700 residents who have been evacuated were allowed to briefly return to gather medicine, pets and other necessities.

Officials said residents would be able to do so each day until further notice as authorities monitor which areas are safe.

Amber Makuakane Kane, 37, a teacher and single mother of two, said her three-bedroom house in Leilani Estates was destroyed by lava.

The dwelling was across from a fissure that opened Friday when "there was some steam rising from all parts of the yard, but everything looked fine," Makuakane said.

On Saturday, she received alerts from her security system that motion sensors throughout the house had been triggered. She later confirmed that lava had covered her property.

Makuakane grew up in the area and has lived in her house for nine years. Her parents also live in Leilani Estates.

"The volcano and the lava — it's always been a part of my life," she said. "It's devastating ... but I've come to terms with it."

Lava has spread about 387,500 square feet surrounding the most active fissure, though the rate of movement is slow. There was no indication when the lava might stop or how far it might spread.

"There's more magma in the system to be erupted. As long as that supply is there, the eruption will continue," U.S. Geological Survey volcanologist Wendy Stovall said.

About 250 people and 90 pets spent Saturday night at shelters, the American Red Cross said.

The number of lava-venting fissures in the neighborhood grew overnight from eight to as many as 10, Stovall said, though some have quieted at various points. USGS scientists expect fissures to keep spewing.

Kilauea, one of the world's most active volcanoes, has been erupting continuously since 1983.

Mom accepts Waffle House victim's diploma

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A woman whose daughter was fatally shot at a Nashville Waffle House has accepted her diploma during a commencement ceremony.

News outlets reported Shirli Baker received a standing ovation as she walked across the stage in her daughter's place Saturday at Belmont University.

DeEbony Groves, 21, majored

in social work and was among four people killed when a gunman opened fire at the restaurant on April 22. Suspect Travis Reinking is facing multiple charges, including four counts of criminal homicide.

Belmont President Robert Fisher told the commencement crowd that "while our hearts were broken, today we have the chance to celebrate DeEbony's life together."

Her brother, Di'Angelo Groves, also received his diploma Saturday and wiped away tears when university officials announced a social work scholarship in his sister's honor.

A judge on Monday granted a request by Reinking's lawyer that he get an outpatient evaluation before moving forward with court proceedings. He is facing multiple charges, including four counts of criminal homicide.



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NATION

Trump claims Russia probe 'losing credibility'

By JOHN WAGNER

The Washington Post

President Donald Trump lashed out anew Monday at the probe into Russian election interference, claiming it was "rapidly losing credibility" and that courts would expose conflicts of interests of federal prosecutors, whom he derided as "Angry Democrats."

In a pair of morning tweets, Trump complained about the ongoing "Russian Witch Hunt" but suggested he was heartened by

"a Court System in place that actually protects people from injustice."

That seemingly was a reference to a federal judge in Virginia who on Friday sharply questioned the motivations of special counsel Robert Mueller's fraud prosecution of Paul Manafort, Trump's former campaign manager. The judge, T.S. Ellis III, said it appeared aimed at getting Manafort to provide evidence against the president.

"The 13 Angry Democrats in charge of the Russian Witch Hunt are starting to find

out that there is a Court System in place that actually protects people from injustice ... and just wait 'till the Courts get to see your unrevealed Conflicts of Interest!" Trump wrote.

It was unclear what the president meant by "unrevealed conflicts." In the past, he has accused Mueller, a lifelong Republican, of stacking his team with Democrats. Trump also has frequently lobbed attacks against judges after rulings that challenge his policies on immigration and other issues.

In his tweets, Trump asserted again that his campaign had not colluded with Russians and that he had not obstructed Mueller's investigation.

"How about Obstruction for a made up, phony crime," Trump wrote. "There is no O, it's called 'Fighting Back!'"

Trump's Monday morning tweets followed a weekend meeting with his new lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, at Trump National Golf Club in Sterling, Va., to discuss developments and legal strategy.



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Escort volunteers line up outside the EMW Women's Surgical Center in Louisville, Ky. On July 21, 2017, a judge established a buffer zone to keep protesters from assembling in front of the clinic's entrance.

Trespassings surge at abortion clinics

By DAVID CRARY

Associated Press

NEW YORK — America's abortion clinics experienced a major upsurge in trespassing, obstruction and blockades by anti-abortion activists in 2017, according to a survey by an industry group.

The National Abortion Federation report chronicled a litany of actions that ranged from coordinated trespassing efforts by abortion opponents, repeated brick-throwing at windows of a Cleveland clinic and an attempted bombing in Illinois.

The report found there was an overall decrease in acts of vandalism against clinics but a significant increase in activities aimed at disrupting services and intimidating patients and providers. Acts of trespassing increased from 247 in 2016 to 823 in 2017, instances of obstruction tripled to 1,704 and threats of death or other harm nearly doubled to 62.

The federation based its findings on monthly reports filed by its members who make up the majority of abortion clinics nationally.

Many clinics routinely were targeted by legal picketing near their premises. But in some cases, the protests escalated and led to intervention by federal and law enforcement agencies.

At least 10 people were arrested in May 2017 when anti-abortion activists blocked the entrance to the EMW Women's Surgical Cen-

ter in Louisville, Ky. — the last abortion clinic operating in the state. Vicki Saporta, president of the National Abortion Federation, said the protesters, organized by the militant anti-abortion group Operation Save America, were emboldened by Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin's high-profile efforts to shut down the clinic.

As a result of the blockade, a federal judge established a buffer zone outside the clinic to keep protesters from assembling in front of the entrance.

Among those arrested in Louisville was Operation Save America's national director, the Rev. Rusty Lee Thomas. While awaiting trial, he said abortion should be outlawed, declaring, "Our justice system is committing another grave injustice by arresting the wrong people."

Elsewhere, several trespassing arrests occurred during coordinated actions by anti-abortion protesters in Virginia, Michigan and other states. Activists entered clinics, conveyed their anti-abortion views to patients and refused to leave when told to do so by law enforcement.

The attempted bombing in 2017 involved a pipe bomb that did not explode after being placed in an abortion clinic in Champaign, Ill., in November. The three men charged by federal authorities are allegedly part of a militia group called the "White Rabbits" who also have been charged in the

bombing of a Minnesota mosque.

A clinic in Cleveland incurred more than \$32,000 in damages because of repeated brick-throwing attacks on its windows.

The report does not include a violent case in February when — according to prosecutors — a Massachusetts man deliberately crashed a stolen truck into a Planned Parenthood clinic in New Jersey, injuring three people, including a pregnant woman. That was the first major violent attack on a U.S. abortion clinic since 2015, when a man killed three people at a Planned Parenthood clinic during a shooting attack in Colorado.

The picketing in 2017 often was more aggressive than in recent years, according to the Feminist Majority Foundation, which operates a national clinic access program.

"They're telling us they've never seen this level of intensity," said the foundation's executive director, Kathy Spillar.

The threat of attacks and vandalism can significantly boost clinics' costs, notably to provide security for facilities and staff. Some clinics have faced extra legal costs challenging state laws aimed at restricting abortions.

In part because of the legal and financial challenges, the number of abortion clinics in the U.S. has been declining. As of 2014, when the last comprehensive tally was made, there were 788 clinics.

President dismisses torture concerns surrounding CIA pick

By JOHN WAGNER

The Washington Post

President Donald Trump offered full-throated support Monday for Gina Haspel, his nominee to become CIA director, dismissing concerns about her role in interrogations of terrorist suspects that prompted her offer to withdraw last week.

"My highly respected nominee for CIA Director, Gina Haspel, has come under fire because she was too tough on Terrorists," the president wrote on Twitter. "Think of that, in these very dangerous times, we have the most qualified person, a woman, who Democrats want OUT because she is too tough on terror. Win Gina!"

Haspel's confirmation hearing is scheduled Wednesday with the Senate Intelligence Committee.

On Friday, Haspel sought to drop her nomination after some White House officials worried that her role in the interrogation of terrorist suspects could prevent her confirmation by the Senate, according to four senior U.S. officials.

Haspel told the White House she was interested in stepping aside if it avoided the spectacle of a brutal confirmation hearing and potential damage to the CIA's reputation and her own, the officials said.

She was summoned to the White House on Friday for a meeting over her history with the CIA's

controversial interrogation program — which employed techniques such as waterboarding that are widely seen as torture — and signaled that she was going to withdraw her nomination.

By Saturday, however, she decided to stay the course and testify this week.

Trump learned of the drama Friday, calling officials during his trip to Dallas. He decided to push for Haspel to remain as the nominee after initially signaling he would support whatever decision was taken, administration officials said.

Haspel is scheduled to meet with several senators Monday in advance of her hearing.

Haspel, who serves as the CIA's deputy director and has spent 33 years in the agency, most of it undercover, faces some opposition in Congress because of her connection to the interrogation program, which was set up after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

In late 2002, Haspel oversaw a secret CIA detention facility in Thailand, where one al-Qaida suspect was waterboarded. Another detainee also was waterboarded before Haspel's arrival.

Three years later, Haspel was involved in the CIA's destruction of nearly 100 videotapes that recorded the interrogations, touching off an investigation by a special prosecutor who ultimately decided not to bring charges against those involved.



ANDREW HARRIN/AP

Gina Haspel, nominated to be CIA director, appears at Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's swearing-in. She says she would oppose restarting the CIA's program of interrogating terrorist suspects.

NATION



PHOTOS BY KATHY WILLENS/AP

People walk through the churchyard and cemetery of New York's historic Trinity Church on Wednesday.

NYC's historic Trinity Church to close partially for 2 years

By KAREN MATTHEWS
Associated Press

NEW YORK — New York City's Trinity Church, a tourist attraction loved for its ties to colonial America and links to a Broadway hit, will be largely closed to visitors during a two-year renovation intended to brighten the church and to improve disabled access.

The neo-Gothic church surrounded by soaring skyscrapers embarked Monday on a \$98 million renovation that will put its nave, with its 66-foot vaulted ceiling, off limits.

A small chapel in the building's northwest corner, as well as the church's picturesque graveyard where luminaries including Alexander Hamilton and his wife, Eliza, are buried, will remain open throughout the renovation.

"We're trying to create much more accessibility and much more capacity to welcome people," said the church's rector, William Lupfer.

An estimated 1.9 million people visited Trinity in 2017, according to the church. Those numbers are swollen by fans of the musical "Hamilton," who often leave flowers or other mementos on the founding father's memorial stone and the tomb of his wife.

The church's stained-glass windows will be restored and a new one will be installed at the front of the church facing Broadway. A new organ with more than 7,500 pipes is being built in Germany at a cost of \$11.4 million.

The renovations will add a wheelchair ramp to the church, will lower the pews, which are now a 4-inch step up from the aisles, and will increase seating capacity from 514 to 652.

A clear canopy will be attached



Visitors to New York's Trinity Church look at stone carvings in the chancel of the 19th-century Gothic Revival-style church.

to one side of the building to protect clergy members from the elements when they're assembling for the Sunday procession into the church.

New, gender-neutral bathrooms will be added as well.

David Maddox, director of facilities and property management for the church, said the columns and window casements inside Trinity are stone, but the interior walls are plaster painted to look like stone when the church was built in the 1840s. Maddox said the plaster once again will be painted with veining that mimics stone but in a lighter shade than the dark brown favored in the Victorian era.

The building being renovated is the third Trinity Church to occupy the site at the head of Wall Street. The first was built in 1698 and burned in the great New York fire of 1776, which destroyed hundreds of buildings. The second

was built in 1790 and was torn down after support beams buckled in 1838. George Washington and members of his government worshipped at the second Trinity Church during the period when New York was the capital of the U.S.

The current Trinity Church, designed by architect Robert Upjohn in the Gothic Revival style, was consecrated in 1846. Its 281-foot steeple made it the tallest building in New York City until 1890.

The parish also includes St. Paul's Chapel five blocks away, built in 1766 and operating continuously since then, which will host Trinity's Sunday services during the renovation.

Both Trinity and St. Paul's survived the destruction of the nearby World Trade Center, and St. Paul's ministered to recovery workers for months after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Ohio thrill ride accident spurs look at oversight

By JOHN SEEWER
Associated Press

TOLEDO, Ohio — State lawmakers will consider whether to increase oversight of carnival rides, including hiring more inspectors, following a deadly accident at the Ohio State Fair that flung riders onto the midway.

The proposed changes also call on the state to look for inspectors who have engineering backgrounds or who have been certified by a national association that trains ride safety officials.

The legislation introduced last week by a Republican and a Democrat in the state House comes nine months after a rusted steel arm on a thrill ride snapped, killing a high school student and leaving four others with life-changing injuries.

Four state inspectors had checked the swinging, spinning Fire Ball ride hours before the accident and cleared it to operate.

While an investigation by the State Highway Patrol said it appeared the ride was approved per established standards, attorneys for the victims believe the inspectors missed obvious warning signs.

A woman who suffered a traumatic brain injury will receive \$1.8 million from the ride's owner and two private inspection companies while another deal has been reached to pay the family of an 18-year-old man who was killed nearly \$1.3 million.

The settlements do not include the state's ride inspectors because they have immunity from negligence accusations.

Ohio's agriculture department, which oversees ride regulations, has said it stands behind the work

performed by its inspectors.

The proposed legislation could force amusement ride owners to keep photographs and written records about the repairs made to their rides along with maintenance and inspection reports.

State inspectors also would be required to keep manuals for all of the rides they examine. Inspectors typically work off a checklist

provided by the manufacturer's manual. The agriculture department is still reviewing the proposed changes and has not decided whether it will support the ideas, spokesman Mark Bruce said.

The state's ride inspection program has not made any changes since the accident,

Bruce said,

but is waiting to see what recommendations come from a group that is evaluating industry standards for amusement ride inspections.

Ohio's inspectors also will be making sure that ride operators have complied with several safety bulletins dealing with corrosion and rust that were issued by ride manufacturers after the Fire Ball accident, he said.

Pickup strikes plane at Baltimore airport

BALTIMORE — Passengers aboard a Southwest Airlines flight from Florida say a pickup hit their plane on the runway at Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport.

WJLA-TV reported that the airline hasn't released any comment on the early Monday morning crash aside from responding to a tweet from passenger Michael Simon.

The airline said it was "glad to hear everyone made it safely to BWI" and that it regretted the inconvenience.

The Boeing 737 left Fort Lauderdale late Sunday night. According to the airline's flight tracker, it landed in Baltimore

at 12:46 a.m., shortly before its scheduled arrival.

Neither the airline nor the airport has released any further details.

Car crashes into NY eatery, injuring several

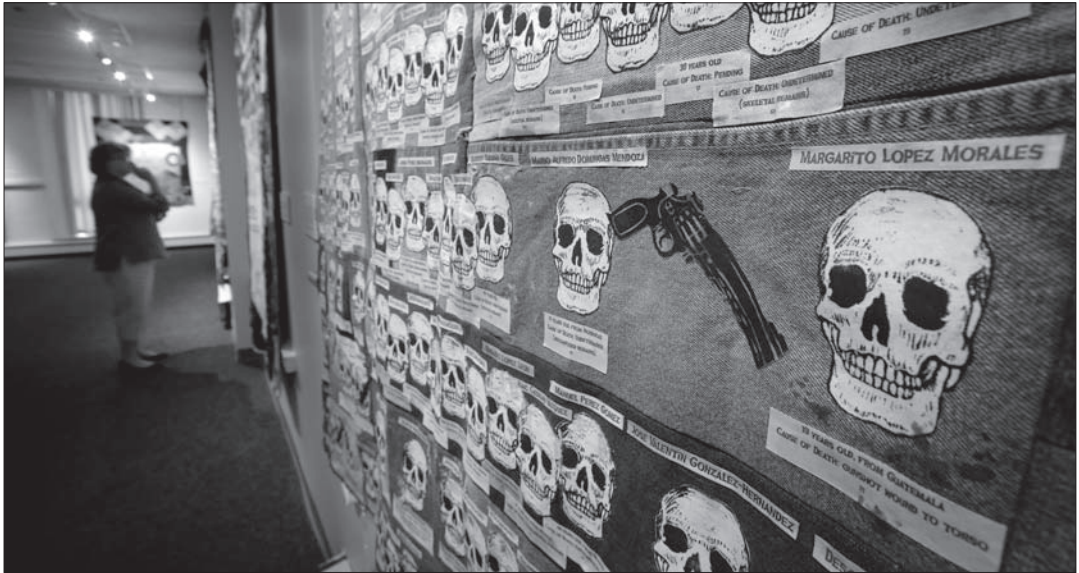
MAMARONECK, N.Y. — A car crashed into a restaurant in suburban New York, injuring several people.

It happened at Enzo's Ristorante in the Westchester County village of Mamaroneck just after 8 p.m. Sunday.

Mamaroneck Mayor Tom Murphy told The Journal News that multiple diners inside the restaurant were hurt and were taken to a hospital. Their conditions were not immediately known.

From The Associated Press

NATION



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A quilt by artist Jennifer Eschdor is part of the exhibit "Beyond the Border Wall: The Migrant Quilt Project" at the New England Quilt Museum in Lowell, Mass.

'It's ruthless out there'

By MARK PRATT
Associated Press

Mass. quilt exhibition honors dead migrants to US

BOSTON — A powerful exhibition of quilts memorializing migrants from Mexico and Central America who have died in the southern Arizona desert in the past 20 years is on display amid intense national debate over immigration policy.

Seventeen quilts from the Migrant Quilt Project are currently hanging in the New England Quilt Museum in Lowell, Mass., in a display that runs until July 15.

The goal is to move the immigration debate beyond statistics and political sniping and put the plight of real people in the spotlight.

"My hope is to show the enormity of this humanitarian crisis," project founder Jody Ipsen said. "I don't think people understand. I want people to look at these quilts and feel compelled to act and to support humanitarian immigration reform."

The project was inspired when Ipsen was camping in the Arizona desert with a friend and came across a way station for migrants who had crossed the border. The desert was strewn with their trash — bottles, diapers, personal hygiene products and clothing.

Ipsen was at first appalled by the desecration of the pristine desert. But she was also curious. What, she wondered, drives people to risk their lives to cross a dangerous desert, at the mercy of human smugglers, to come to the U.S.?

"It's ruthless out there in that desert," she said.

Inspired by the AIDS Memorial Quilt, she started collecting the discarded clothing and recruited textile artists to incorporate the fabric into quilts. Ipsen even pitched in on one.

There has been one quilt produced by vol-



Pam Weeks, curator at the museum, points to a quilt by artist Mary Vaneecke.

unteers per federal fiscal year since 2000 — 17 in all.

While each quilt has a different design and they vary in size, there are some common themes. They're all emblazoned with the names of every person who died in the desert that year — or, if that person's name was not known to authorities, with the word "desconocido," Spanish for stranger.

Recorded deaths range from 122 to 282 per year.

Most of the quilts are also covered with religious and cultural imagery, flowers and

skulls. The 2009-10 quilt is reminiscent of the U.S. flag. The names of border-crossers who died are written on the white stripes. In the place of the white stars on a blue field, the upper left corner is a deserted road that disappears into the distance beneath a starry sky.

Quilts may connote comfort and warmth to most people, but there's a history of using them to make social and political points, said Nora Burchfield, the museum's executive director.

Quilts have been made for the abolition-

ist, temperance and environmental movements and, more recently, in response to gun violence.

"There is a long tradition of using the quilt-making process to bring attention to social causes because women didn't have any other outlet to express their concerns,

outrage and opinions," Burchfield said. "They could say on a quilt all the things they weren't given a platform to say."

Lowell is an appropriate place for the exhibit because the modern-day city of more than 110,000 residents

was built on immigrant power, from the Irish who dug the city's famed canals,

to the French-Canadians, Greeks, Portuguese and others who worked in the mills in the 19th century, to the Cambodian and Latin American immigrants who came in the 20th century.

More recently, refugees from Iraq, Somalia, Afghanistan, Burma and Syria have resettled in the city, according to the Lowell branch of the Immigration Institute of New England, an immigration advocacy group.

The quilts tell the story of immigration that many people don't hear or find uncomfortable, said Rogers Muyaiga, community relations manager for the group.

"It's important for people to see an exhibit like this and learn about things they don't have much information about," he said.

And beyond the social implications of the quilts, there's one other reason to see them.

"They are beautiful," Burchfield said.

'My hope is to show the enormity of this humanitarian crisis.'

Jody Ipsen
project founder

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WORLD

Putin is sworn in for 4th term as Russia's president

By JIM HEINTZ
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Vladimir Putin took the oath of office for his fourth term as Russian president on Monday, promising to pursue an economic agenda that would boost living standards across the country.

In a ceremony in an ornate Kremlin hall in Moscow, Putin said improving Russia's economy following a recession partly linked to international sanctions would be a primary goal of his next six-year term.

"Now, we must use all existing possibilities, first of all for resolving internal urgent tasks of development, for economic and technological breakthroughs, for raising competitiveness in those spheres that determine the future," he told thousands of guests standing in the elaborate Andreevsky Hall of the Grand Kremlin Palace and two adjacent halls.

"A new quality of life, well-being, security and people's health — that's what's primary today," he said.

Although Putin has restored Russia's prominence on the world stage through military actions, he

has been criticized for inadequate efforts to diversify Russia's economy away from its dependence on oil and gas exports and to develop the country's manufacturing sector.

"Russia should be modern and dynamic; it should be ready to accept the call of the times," he said.

In his speech, he made only brief reference to Russia's international role, saying "Russia is a strong, active, influential participant in international life. The security and defense capability of the country is reliably ensured. We will give these matters the necessary constant attention."

He acknowledged that the challenges facing Russia were formidable "but we all remember well that, for more than a thousand years of history, Russia has often faced epochs of turmoil and trials, and has always revived as a Phoenix, reached heights that others could not."

Putin held onto the presidency in March's election when he tallied 77 percent of the vote.

Putin has effectively been the leader of Russia for all of the 21st century. He stepped down from the presidency in 2008 because of



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Vladimir Putin enters the Grand Kremlin Palace's Andreevsky Hall on Monday to be sworn in during his inauguration ceremony.

term limits, but was named prime minister and continued to steer the country until he returned as president in 2012.

The ceremony Monday was covered in assiduous detail on state television, showing Putin working at his desk in his shirt sleeves, then donning a suit coat to begin a long walk through the corridors of the Kremlin's Senate building, then boarding a limousine for a short drive to the Grand Kremlin Palace.

Thousands of guests stood in the three halls for the inauguration. One of the most prominent was former German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder, who is now chairman of Russia's state oil company Rosneft and one of the most prominent Western voices arguing for an end to sanctions against Russia.

Schröder stood with Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev and Putin prominently shook hands with him after the speech.

Rouhani seeks EU guarantees on nuke deal

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — President Hassan Rouhani says Iran would be willing not to abandon the nuclear deal even if the United States pulls out, providing the European Union offers guarantees that Iran would keep benefiting from the accord.

Rouhani's remarks came ahead of President Donald Trump's decision expected this week on whether to pull the U.S. out of the deal between Iran and world powers. Rouhani spoke during a meeting with officials in the northeastern city of Mashhad on Monday.

He says a U.S. pullout would be a "strategic mistake."

He says that "what we want for the deal is that it's preserved and guaranteed by the non-Americans" — a reference to other signatories of the 2015 agreement.

The French and German foreign ministers have affirmed that their nations will stick to the nuclear agreement regardless of what Trump decides.

Road signs to US Embassy go up in Jerusalem

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Jerusalem's city hall says it has put up road signs pointing to the new U.S. Embassy, which is set to move to the contested city next week.

Mayor Nir Barkat placed the first signs on Monday in the southern Jerusalem neighborhood where the embassy is to be located. According to a picture sent by Barkat's office, the white signs read "U.S. Embassy" in English, Hebrew and Arabic.

The new U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem is to be opened on May 14 with a huge American delegation expected to attend, perhaps including President Donald Trump.

The embassy move comes after Trump recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital last year, heightening Israeli-Palestinian tensions.

Israel claims the entire city as its eternal capital. The Palestinians seek the eastern sector as capital of their hoped-for state.



JERUSALEM MUNICIPALITY/AP

Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat poses with a road sign to the new U.S. Embassy.

No hidden rooms found in King Tut's tomb

By MOHAMMED WADY
Associated Press

CAIRO — New radar scans have provided conclusive evidence that there are no hidden rooms inside King Tutankhamun's burial chamber, Egypt's antiquities ministry said Sunday, bringing a disappointing end to years of excitement over the prospect.

Mostafa Waziri, secretary general of the Supreme Council of Antiquities, said an Italian team conducted extensive studies with ground-penetrating radar that showed the tomb did not contain any hidden, man-made blocking walls as was earlier suspected. Francesco Porcelli, of the Polytechnic University of Turin, presented the findings at an international conference in Cairo.

"Our work shows in a conclusive manner that there are no hidden chambers, no corridors adjacent to Tutankhamun's tomb," Porcelli said. "As you know, there was a theory that argued the possible existence of these chambers but, unfortunately, our work is not supporting this theory."

In 2015, British Egyptologist Nicholas Reeves proposed, after analysis of high-definition laser scans, that Nefertiti's tomb



AMR NABIL/AP

Radar scanning experts scan a wall in King Tutankhamun's burial chamber in Luxor, Egypt, in 2016. Egypt's antiquities ministry said radar scans show no hidden rooms inside the burial chamber.

could be concealed behind wall paintings in the famed boy king's burial chamber. The discovery ignited massive interest, with officials first rushing to support the theory but then later distancing themselves and ultimately rejecting it.

The ministry says two previous scans by Japanese and American scientists had proved inconclu-

sive but insists this latest ground-penetrating radar data closes the lid on the tomb having such hidden secrets.

"It is concluded, with a very high degree of confidence, said Dr. Porcelli, the hypothesis concerning the existence of hidden chambers or corridors adjacent to Tutankhamun's tomb is not supported by the GPR data," the

ministry said in its statement.

The ministry has been gradually moving King Tut's belongings to a new museum outside Cairo near the Giza Pyramids to undergo restoration before they are put on display. The transfer of the priceless belongings has become a particularly sensitive issue. In 2014 the beard attached to the ancient Egyptian monarch's golden mask was accidentally knocked off and hastily reattached with an epoxy glue compound, sparking uproar among archaeologists.

The fourth International Tutankhamun Conference in Cairo where Porcelli presented the findings, the most extensive radar survey of the site to date, was attended by a wide range of Egyptologists and archaeologists from the world over.

During the conference, Antiquities Minister Khedra El-Anani said that the first phase of the new museum, including King Tut's halls, will be completed by the end of this year but the date for the museum's "soft opening" has yet to be decided.

The museum currently hosts more than 43,200 artifacts, of which more than 4,500 belong to King Tut alone. Its grand opening is planned for 2022.

SHIFTING GEARS



ROBERT DUFFER, CHICAGO TRIBUNE/TNS

One tough mudder

2018 Jeep Wrangler Rubicon is king of the off-road world

By ROBERT DUFFER
Chicago Tribune

If some days are better than others, a day off-roading in a Jeep Wrangler is great. Add some insane terrain, the season's first sunshine, the muddy muck following a Midwestern winter that wouldn't quit and the only thing clearer than this overdue sunny day was why the 2018 Jeep Wrangler Rubicon is one of the most capable off-road vehicles in the world.

Redesigned for the first time in a decade, the 2018 Wrangler JL builds on 77 years of history to make the American icon more accessible to a global audience who want on-road convenience as much as off-road capability. It's working: the brand had a record March, led by a record number of Wranglers sold.

Exterior changes are subtle but significant, including a more raked seven-slot grille and rounded angles on the roof and hood for improved aerodynamics. The four-door is nearly 4 inches longer and 2.4 inches wider, though the use of lightweight aluminum sheds 200 pounds. Its front doors went on a diet, dropping 17 pounds (down to about 45) so one person can more easily take them off.

Three new powertrains also usher the Wrangler into a more fuel-efficient era, including a 2-liter turbocharged four-cylinder mild hybrid with a 48-volt battery. Don't worry, purists, the 270-horsepower turbo with the new eight-speed automatic

2018 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited Rubicon

Vehicle type: A true SUV
Base price: \$40,495
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Transmission: Eight-speed automatic
Power/torque: 270 horsepower/295 foot-pounds
EPA fuel economy rating: 18 mpg city/23 highway

TNS

churns out 295-pound-feet of torque, which is better than the 260 pound-feet of torque in the returning V-6 Pentastar engine. The Pentastar has start/stop technology to conserve fuel while idling, helping it get 20 mpg combined, which is 2 mpg better than its predecessor. A diesel V-6 is due in 2019.

Everything about the new Wrangler is more efficient, including the time it takes to transition the all-weather all-terrain SUV into a summer beach crawler. The front windshield folds down with four bolts instead of 28 on the outgoing JK model, so it'll take only a half-hour instead of a half-day to get wind in your face and bugs in your teeth. There are too many roof combinations to count, but highlights include the three-piece Freedom hard top (\$1,095)

with two distinct panels over the driver and passenger. Flip the four latches and pop it off in seconds so a bald driver can stay covered while a sunbathing passenger can get baked. The Sky One-Touch (\$3,995) soft top retreats by the push of a button in 18 seconds at vehicle speeds up to 60 mph.

Despite such creature comforts, including a customizable info cluster, soft-touch trim, push-button starter, 8.4-inch touch screen with Uconnect (one of the better infotainment systems on the market) with Apple CarPlay or Android Auto, and more than 75 advanced driver assistance systems, the Wrangler JL is at heart a mind-blowing beast in all terrain.

We followed the pros from Jeep Jamboree in the redesigned 2018 Wrangler Rubicon four-door up hills, down dales, through creeks, over rocks and otherwise overcoming The Cliffs Insane Terrain Off-Road Park in Marseilles, Ill.

What a blast.

New for 2018, Rubicon comes with 33-inch tires, and the fenders are raised to fit 35-inch tires without needing a lift. Those tires, along with a ground clearance of 10.9 inches, let us drive through a swift-but-shallow spring creek strewn with rocks.

We splashed through giant standing puddles imprinted by something out of Jurassic Park before our roughly 30-degree ascent up a deeply rutted slope banked by trees.

Thanks to Rubicon's carryover Rock-Trac system and new electronically discon-

necting sway bar, we clambered in and out of those ruts. The sway bar is important for two reasons: It's so much easier to push a button than to disconnect it yourself, and it limits body roll when on the road.

Next came the boulders and rocks. As cool as it was to conquer behind the wheel, it was even more impressive to witness from the outside how each wheel did its own thing. Staying in 4-Low provides a 4:1 crawl ratio, which is a sweet spot of rock-crawling capability in the off-road world. Adding front and rear locking differentials, Rubicon crawls like a spider, each wheel working independently to maximize grip and get purchase over the next obstacle.

The Rubicon V-6 with the eight-speed automatic (\$2,000) was easy to operate, but the standard six-speed manual just felt right. Given the technical difficulty of the 20-minute loop, there was some apprehension shifting gears while mucking about. But in 4L, there isn't much need to grind 'em till you find 'em. We used third on the flatter spots at 10 mph, and waited in first for the caravan to catch up, but for the creek crossings, bouldering and ascents, we stayed in second. Crawling at 2 mph can be done in second gear without pressing the clutch. Having the shifter in hand and both feet on the pedals while scrambling over land feels right, all tactile and tough, as if you're doing some of the work. But you're not, not really. It's all Jeep, all the time, as it's been for more than three-quarters of a century.

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Baby owl falls from nest twice, gets rehab

IL KANKAKEE — A baby eastern screech owl that fell from its nest twice is getting some recuperative assistance.

The (Kankakee) Daily Journal reported that volunteers took the baby owl to Flint Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation in Barrington after it was discovered on the ground Thursday for a second time.

Dawn Tutt, founder of 3D Wildlife Rescue and Rehab, said the second fall appeared to injure the bird.

The Kankakee Fire Department offered its ladder so Tutt could put the owl back in its nest. The owl's parents returned that night.

House Borden lived in after acquittal opening

MA FALL RIVER — The mansion where Lizzie Borden lived after she was acquitted of the ax murders of her father and stepmother will soon be open for overnight stays and tours.

The Herald News reported that crews are finishing renovations and the owners of the Fall River home known as Maplecroft hope their bed-and-breakfast opens for business within a month or so.

The home retains some features from Borden's time, including floral wallpaper in the dining room and a tin ceiling in the kitchen.

Maplecroft is not the house where Andrew and Abby Borden were slain in 1892. That home is now the Lizzie Borden Bed & Breakfast Museum.

Miniature pony helps pediatric patients

OH AKRON — A new miniature patient is helping pediatric patients at two northeast Ohio hospitals.

The Akron Beacon Journal reported Willie Nelson made his official debut May 1 at the Akron Children's Hospital. The miniature pony is replacing longtime favorite Petie the Pony. Petie died in October after nearly two decades of service.

Willie will make weekly visits to Akron Children's Hospital and Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital in Cleveland.

The mini horse trained for months at Victory Gallop to prepare for his role.

School that Carver went to will be rehabilitated

MO NEOSHO — A Missouri school that noted scientist and inventor George Washington Carver attended as a child is undergoing rehabilitation to return it to its original condition.

The Neosho Colored School is being moved so the Carver Birthplace Association can rebuild and stabilize the structure, the Joplin Globe reported. The school building was built in 1872.

Carver used to walk 10 miles to Neosho to attend the all-black school. The school gave Carver his first formal education. It operated from 1872 to 1891.

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The amount the University of Illinois' Rare Book and Manuscript Library paid for a manuscript written by Sir Isaac Newton. The manuscript describes how to make the philosopher's stone, a substance thought to have the power to turn lead to gold, cure illness and grant immortality. The four-page manuscript will be available to view on request. It also will be digitized, giving scholars access online. The library plans an event in the summer or fall to unveil the manuscript.



HEATHER ROUSSEAU, THE ROANOKE (Va.) TIMES/AP

Cheering on the team

Erich Warner encourages his Roanoke City Sheriff's Office tug of war team members, from left foreground, James Murphy, Daniel Dixon and Kimberly Haddox, as they compete in the 22nd Annual TUG for TOTS competition Friday in Roanoke, Va., benefiting Child Health Investment Partnership of Roanoke Valley.

Splashing near manatees puts man in hot water

FL STOCK ISLAND — A Florida man who allegedly slapped the water near a group of mating manatees has found himself being slapped with a harassment charge.

A Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission report identifies the culprit as Luis Miguel Perez, 49, a fisherman in the Key West chain.

The Miami Herald reported that Officer Glen Way used his phone to record the fisherman. It's illegal to poke, prod, pursue or feed manatees in Florida.

According to the April 30 arrest report, there were 16 manatees in the group. The fisherman was charged with a second-degree misdemeanor.

Man charged with carjacking semis

NC RALEIGH — Federal prosecutors say a botched effort to hijack a tractor-

trailer on Interstate 95 in North Carolina temporarily blocked part of the major East Coast highway.

U.S. Justice Department prosecutors in Raleigh are charging Raymond Lee Bryant Jr., of Roseboro, with carjacking and using a firearm during a series of attempted armed robberies Thursday on I-95 in Dunn.

Prosecutors contend Bryant pointed a gun and fired a shot to force a driver and passenger out of one truck. But he jack-knifed the truck while backing up to make his getaway, blocking I-95's northbound lanes.

Officials allege Bryant tried to strong-arm another semi-truck, but the driver bailed out as the gunman approached. Bryant then confronted the two occupants of a third vehicle and he sped from Harnett County.

County celebrating its 200th birthday

OH SPRINGFIELD — An Ohio county is celebrating its 200th birthday, and it's not just a one-day party.

The Springfield News-Sun reported the Clark County Commission held its first meeting April 25 in 1818 that established the 10 townships of the county. The county held a Bicentennial Bash on April 27.

Officials say that was just the beginning, and more events will celebrate the milestone throughout the year.

Police: Man used 'rusty machete' over drug deal

NM LAS VEGAS — A northern New Mexico man is facing charges after police say he struck a woman with a "rusty machete" over a botched \$30 drug deal.

The Las Vegas Optic reported that Erminio Duran recently was arrested following an argument that turned violent at his Las Vegas home.

Police said the victim told officers that Duran, 44, hit her on the head more than once with a rusty machete-style knife.

Police said the woman was requesting more money than she'd

originally been loaned by Duran to buy methamphetamine and he became angry.

The victim received lacerations on her hands from attempting to block the machete.

Statue of heroic war horse to be unveiled

KY LEXINGTON — The Kentucky Horse Park plans to unveil a statue of a horse that became a hero during the Korean War.

A statement from the park said the 1,000-pound statue of Sgt. Reckless will be unveiled Saturday.

The small mare had a racing background and was purchased by the U.S. Marines to carry ammunition. In a 1953 battle, she carried more than 9,000 pounds of ammunition on her back and made 51 trips to gun sites.

She was wounded twice, but carried on. She also helped evacuate dead and wounded soldiers.

From wire reports

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But will?

Whether #MeToo will bring equality to venerable film festival this year has yet to be seen

By JAKE COYLE
Associated Press

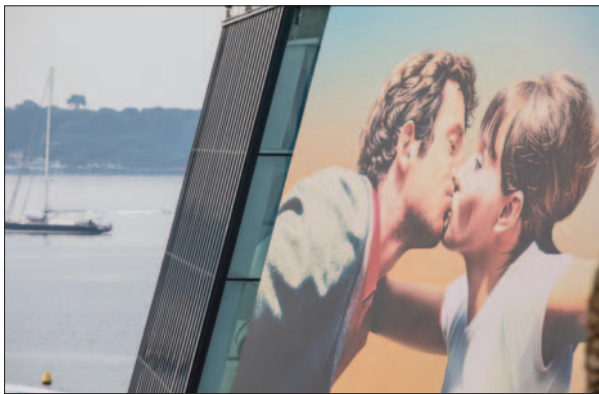
The experience of watching a few dozen or more films inside two weeks at the Cannes Film Festival can be jarring, exhilarating and exhausting — even for those who live and breathe cinema.

Jessica Chastain, an actress and regular attendee of the French Riviera festival, last year reflected on her time spent on the Cannes jury shortly after they selected Ruben Ostlund's "The Square" as the Palme d'Or winner. She was both overwhelmed and disappointed.

"This is the first time I've watched 20 films in 10 days, and I love movies," said Chastain. "The one thing I really took from this experience is how the work views at them, from the female characters that I saw represented. And it was quite disturbing to me, to be honest."

On the cusp of the 71st Cannes, which begins Tuesday with the premiere of Asghar Farhadi's "Everybody Knows," with Penelope Cruz and Javier Bardem, Chastain's piercing criticism still hovers over a festival that finds itself, unlike it has in decades, in tumult.

This year's selections, including three female directors among the 21 Palme contenders, have done little to quell pleas by Chastain and others for more female storytellers at the world's most prestigious film festival. Questions of gender equality are especially pointed at Cannes, which for the past 20 years had been a seaside playground for Harvey Weinstein, long one of the festival's most ubiquitous operators. Cannes remains perhaps the most supreme and heightened realm of moviedom, but its rarefied stature



VIANNY LE CAER, INVISION/AP

The official Cannes film festival poster is visible on the Palais des Festivals in Cannes on May 7.



Actress Sarah Jessica Parker, left, is escorted by Harvey Weinstein in 2011 for a screening at the Cannes Film Festival in southern France. This year, Weinstein is gone, and a woman — Cate Blanchett — is head of the film festival's jury.

has been increasingly challenged by both the era of #MeToo and the age of Netflix.

"There have been seismic, tectonic changes in the industry that are still unfolding," says producer Simon Chinn, who will be premiering the Whitney Houston documentary "Whitney" — "a corrective to the tabloid story," he says, and shopping a documentary on Weinstein titled "Citizen Weinstein." "This will be a very different Cannes without Weinstein."

Festival director Thierry Fremaux, who called the Weinstein sexual abuse allegations an "earthquake" for Cannes, has promised this year heralds "a great renewal." He has stocked the competition lineup with eight first films. He has banned selfies from the

red carpet, irritated by their interruption to the highly orchestrated, star-studded procession on the most famous red carpet next to the Oscars. He has, after a public scuffle, accepted the absence of Netflix films from the festival after being unable to secure the atrical releases for its entries. And he has brought Star Wars back to Cannes for the megawatt premiere of "Solo: A Star Wars Story."

Cannes, a feverish pageant of celebrity and cinema, is trying to both rigorously guard tradition and adapt to fast-changing times. The festival this year even altered its sacred schedule to eliminate morning press screenings ahead of premieres — a strategic switch intended to blunt the effect of press-corps boos marring film premieres, a practice that had emerged as a kind of blood sport at Cannes.

Yet some say it's not enough for Cannes to change its clocks. Critics say the festival has lagged in gender equality (only one female director, Jane Campion, has won the Palme; in 2015 a minor scandal erupted when women not wearing heels were denied entry to a premiere), and that Cannes is overly in the thrall of male auteurs.

This year's jury is headed by Cate Blanchett, an outspoken member of the Time's Up movement. Her jury of nine includes Ava DuVernay, Kristen Stewart, Lea Seydoux and Burundian singer Khadja Nin. Among the films vying for the Palme are Spike Lee's "BlacKkKlansman," Pawel Pawlikowski's "Cold War," Nuri Bilge Ceylan's "The Wild Pear Tree" and David Robert Mitchell's "Under the Silver Lake," with Andrew Garfield.

Cannes runs through May 19.

Author Diaz withdraws from festival amid allegations

Associated Press

Author Junot Diaz has withdrawn from a writers' festival in Australia after fellow writers accused him of past sexual misconduct and misogyny, organizers said May 5, adding that a moment of reckoning had arrived for the Pulitzer Prize winner.

Diaz was confronted May 4 in a Q&A session at the Sydney Writers' Festival by author Zinzi Clemmons. She asked Diaz about his recent New Yorker essay detailing his sexual assault as an 8-year-old boy and then asked him why he had put her in a vulnerable position when she was a student six years ago.

Clemmons, who penned the coming-of-age novel "What We Lose," later tweeted that when she was a 26-year-old graduate student,

Diaz cornered her and forcibly kissed her after she invited him to speak at a workshop. Subsequently, writers Carmen Maria Machado and Monica Byrne tweeted they had also been subjected to inappropriate and aggressive behavior from Diaz.

Other news

■ **Janet Jackson** is set to get the Billboard Icon Award at the May 20 Billboard Awards ceremony in Las Vegas, hosted by Kelly Clarkson. She'll also reward fans with a performance on the live telecast, her first televised performance in nine years. Past award recipients include Prince, Stevie Wonder, Cher, Neil Diamond, Celine Dion and Jennifer Lopez.

■ The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program announced May 4 that the home in Dyess where country music icon **Johnny Cash** lived from age 3 through high school has been added to the National Register of Historic Places. Dyess is a small Arkansas town close to the Tennessee border. The five-room farmhouse was built in 1934 as part of the Dyess Resettlement Colony by the Federal Emergency Relief Administration.

■ "Supergirl" star **Melissa Benoist** will make her Broadway debut this summer when she steps into the title character of "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical." The Associated Press has learned. Benoist, who's on "Glee" and the miniseries "Waco," starts June 7 for a run through August 4. "Beautiful" focuses on King's early years.

'Avengers' film fastest to \$1B

Associated Press

After breaking opening weekend records, "Avengers: Infinity War" continued to dominate in its second weekend in theaters, but alternative programming like the romantic comedy "Overboard" also found an audience in what has historically been considered the official kickoff to the summer movie season.

The Walt Disney Co. said Sunday that "Avengers: Infinity War" will gross an estimated \$112.5 million from North American theaters over the weekend, becoming the second-highest grossing film in weekend two behind "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" 2 million and just slightly ahead of "Black Panther" (\$111.7 million).

It's a 56 percent drop from its first weekend in theaters — less steep than the second weekend fall of "Avengers: Age of Ultron" (59.4 percent) or "Captain America: Civil War" (59.5 percent), but more than "Black Panther's" uniquely soft 44.7 percent sophomore weekend decline.

"We're in uncharted territory again," said comScore senior media analyst Paul Dargatzidis. "This is a second weekend number that many films would aspire to have on opening weekend."

Globally, "Avengers: Infinity War" has now grossed more than \$1.2 billion and become the first film ever to cross the \$1 billion mark in 11 days of release, and it has yet to even open in China.

There was little new competition this weekend in the blockbuster space, although there were a handful of other options, like "Overboard," which came in a very distant second to "Avengers," but still made a notable splash as a film its size.

The gender-swapped remake of Garry Marshall's 1987 comedy, "Overboard" scored the highest-grossing opening weekend for Pantelion Films with a better-than-expected \$14.8 million. It's already surpassed its modest mid-tens production budget.

Third place went to "A Quiet Place," which has grossed \$159.9 million in five weeks in theaters, and fourth place to "I Feel Pretty," now up to \$37.8 million in weekend three. "Rampage" rounded out the top five with \$4.6 million, bumping its domestic total to \$84.8 million.

In sixth place, "Tully," starring Charlize Theron, launched on 1,353 screens with \$3.2 million. It's the third collaboration between director Jason Reitman and screenwriter Diablo Cody, the team behind "Juno," and their second with Theron, who also starred in their film "Young Adult."

Hollywood's summer movie season typically runs from the first weekend in May through Labor Day, but this year got a jump-start with the late April release of "Avengers: Infinity War."

Upcoming releases include "Dumbo" (May 18) and "Solo: A Star Wars Story" (May 25).

BUSINESS/WEATHER

China could target US firms, debt in trade war

By JOE McDONALD
Associated Press

BEIJING — In a looming trade war between the world's two largest economies, American companies in China may have a bull's-eye on their backs.

The Trump administration is pushing China to cut its trade surplus with the U.S. by \$200 billion by the end of 2020 and to give up policies that favor domestic companies — the core of Beijing's state-led economic model.

As the two sides exchange threats of tariff increases, their lopsided trade balance means China will run out of imports for retaliation before President Donald Trump does.

But Beijing has other ways to inflict pain. Chief among those is harassing American companies that make autos, operate restaurant chains, sell computer software and do other business

in China's heavily regulated economy.

Other possible options include selling U.S. government debt or disrupting diplomatic efforts over North Korea, but those would damage Beijing's own interests.

Trump has threatened higher tariffs on \$150 billion of Chinese goods in response to complaints Beijing violates its free-trade commitments by stealing or pressuring foreign companies to hand over technology.

Beijing reacted to his first round with a \$50 billion list including American aircraft, soybeans and pork for possible retaliation. If it raises that to match Trump's total, that would be nearly equal to China's 2017 imports of U.S. goods.

The Commerce Ministry has warned that no option is off the table.

Chinese regulators have wide discretion and an arsenal of tools

to disrupt U.S. businesses, from withholding licenses to launching tax, anti-monopoly or other investigations.

The U.S. chipmaker Qualcomm Inc. might serve as an early example. China is the final major government withholding approval of Qualcomm's proposal for its \$44 billion acquisition of rival NXP Semiconductors.

In April, the Commerce Ministry said Qualcomm's proposal "has difficulty" resolving concerns of Chinese anti-monopoly regulators. Qualcomm and NXP said April 19 that at the Chinese ministry's request, the companies withdrew and refilled an application for Beijing to clear the acquisition.

China's entirely state-controlled media have encouraged consumer boycotts against Japanese, South Korean and other products during previous disputes with those governments.

Chinese commentators say Beijing has financial weapons, though using them would cost China's own economy and international standing.

Nationalists point to China's \$1.2 trillion holdings of U.S. government debt as leverage. But Beijing would suffer losses if it sold enough of that to influence U.S. debt financing costs. And there are few other places to store such vast foreign currency reserves.

Beijing also could obstruct U.S. investment in China, commentator Ren Zeping wrote on money.163.com. But that also would impose a cost by worsening an investment slump Chinese leaders are trying to reverse.

Beijing also can appeal for support to U.S. allies who are miffed by Trump's "America first" approach and the U.S. withdrawal from the Paris climate pact and the proposed Trans-Pacific

Partnership, a regional trade agreement.

Trump's unilateral actions have allowed China, the most-closed major economy, to position itself as a defender of free trade. That could help Beijing win over governments that have criticized Trump for acting outside the World Trade Organization.

China is a "central pillar" of the global trading system, "and we want to fully cooperate with China," U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said during a visit to Beijing last month.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (May 8)	\$1.2226
Dollar buys (May 8)	69.8179
British pound (May 8)	\$1.39
Japanese yen (May 8)	106.00
South Korean won (May 8)	1,049.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (dinar)	0.3771
British pound	1.3538
Canada (dollar)	1.2872
China (yuan)	6.3692
Denmark (krone)	6.2551
Egypt (pound)	1.6507
Hong Kong (dollar)	\$1.1909/0.8397
Hong Kong (dollar)	7.8496
Hungary (forint)	263.85
Israel (shekel)	3.6176
Japan (yen)	109.37
Kuwait (dinar)	0.3014
Norway (krone)	8.0658
Philippines (peso)	51.95
Poland (zloty)	3.57
Saudi Arabia (rial)	3.7509
Singapore (dollar)	1.3371
Singapore (dollar)	1.08131
Switzerland (franc)	1.0044
Thailand (baht)	31.85
Turkey (lira)	4.2592

INTEREST RATES	
Prime rate	4.75
Discount rate	2.25
Federal funds market rate	1.68
3-month bill	1.84
30-year bond	3.12

China's ZTE seeks end to ban on buying US technology

Associated Press

HONG KONG — China technology company ZTE says it has applied to the U.S. Commerce Department asking it to suspend a seven-year ban on its doing business with U.S. technology exporters.

The company said in a statement late Sunday that it had "formally submitted" a request to the Commerce Department's Bureau of Industry and Security for a "stay of the Denial Order."

It said it sent the bureau "supplemental information" following the ban. It gave no details in its brief statement.

ZTE Corp., which makes smart-

phones and telecommunications equipment, was hit with the ban last month in a case involving exports of telecom gear to Iran and North Korea. The company has said that the ban threatens its existence by cutting off access to U.S. suppliers of key components like microchips.

The suspension came amid worsening trade tensions between the U.S. and China centered on technology-related intellectual property, though the case dates back to before President Donald Trump took office in January 2017. U.S. officials met last week in Beijing to discuss trade issues with their Chinese counterparts.

During the meetings, Chinese officials said they also raised their objections to ZTE's punishment, who they said agreed to report them to Trump.

U.S. authorities imposed the penalty after discovering that Shenzhen-based ZTE, which had paid a \$1.2 billion fine in the case, had failed to discipline employees involved and paid them bonuses instead.

ZTE is one of the companies that the Defense Department banned last week because of security risks. The Defense Department's undersecretary for personnel and readiness issued a ban May 2 of

"all Huawei and ZTE cellphones, personal mobile internet modems and related products from locations worldwide." DOD spokesman Maj. Dave Eastburn said in an email to Stars and Stripes.

In February, the director of national intelligence, along with the heads of the CIA, the FBI, the National Security Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, all testified before a Senate committee that Americans should not use Huawei or ZTE products because of security concerns.

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OPINION

Ryan hit by Chapainingate on way out

By KATHLEEN PARKER
Washington Post Writers Group

Given the cornucopia of issues Americans have to select from each day, the recent firing and rehiring of the House of Representatives' chaplain may not have bestirred many to form an opinion.

But these days, the Hill is alive with buzz as people absorb the odd goings-on between House Speaker Paul Ryan, who pushed the chaplain to resign, and the Rev. Patrick Conroy himself, who later withdrew his resignation, and Ryan's acceptance of what appears to be pastoral bullying.

Stranger things will happen before sundown — and incredulity is no stranger to this town. But author Dan Brown might want to check into the Four Seasons for a few weeks. Something is going on, or is it? Maybe, as seems to be the case, Republican House members just didn't care for Conroy, and Ryan responded accordingly.

As befits the scene, things got political before you could say "Amen."

The facts: Conroy, a Jesuit priest and the chamber's chaplain since 2011, was, indeed, pressured to resign to avoid the drama of a firing. Conroy, who upon his resignation took to the pages of The New York Times to make his case, claimed that he may have been "asked to resign" because of a prayer he had offered a few months earlier in which he urged Republicans to remember "all Americans" as Congress debated tax reform.

This is hardly a radical plea by a chaplain, whatever his vestments. Urging people to take care of the poor is a pretty easy

pitch — even to Republicans — but especially to Ryan, who may be the last Jack Kemp Republican in what has become the Party of Trump.

No sooner had the ink dried on Conroy's resignation letter than he announced that he had changed his mind. Ryan, who by then had likely regretted wading into that particular swamp, said, fine, you can stay. What?!

On Capitol Hill, where head-scratching has become a greeting gesture among those who've not yet been body-snatched, heads exploded while spokespeople went into tale-spin.

At this point, however, one might have a better sense of why Ryan wanted Conroy to leave in the first place. As a Catholic whisperer said to me, "Wait a minute, buddy, redemption is on the other side, not in this world." In other words, among the more-charitable remarks surrounding Conroy, many see an ego problem that has interfered with his pastoral role.

While Ryan and Conroy dueled, Democrats wasted no time in trying to turn this hot mess into a cool opportunity. In a move that raised the bar on hypocrisy, the party of abortion — but not religious — rights galloped to the Catholic priest's defense. Yet, back in March, Democrats blocked the Conscience Protection Act from being included in the 2018 omnibus appropriations bill. That legislation would have ensured the rights of anti-abortion medical practitioners to not be forced to perform abortions.

Meanwhile, Republicans, who have sacrificed their mantra of faith, freedom and family values on the altar of Donald Trump,

suddenly began murmuring about a "family man" as chaplain. It wasn't helpful to clarify that, according to Conroy, Ryan's own chief of staff suggested that "maybe it's time that we had a chaplain that wasn't a Catholic."

Irony, a glut for attention, didn't stop there. When Ryan's predecessor John Boehner left his job as speaker, it was on the sensible bells and prayers of Pope Francis, who had addressed Congress at Boehner's behest. Ryan, alas, will be leaving his job under the cloud of having temporarily evicted a Jesuit priest from the House.

The end result of this unforced fiasco is that soon there likely will be no chaplain at all. Once politicians start playing religious favorites, it's a given that the position of chaplain will be viewed skeptically. Indeed, a debate has already begun about whether to eliminate the position.

Many would applaud such a development in the spirit of separating religion and government. The problem with abolishing the office wouldn't be primarily religious but all too human. When politicians and presidents pray, they're essentially performing a rite of humility and submission to a higher order — if not to God then at least to something greater than themselves. Implicit in this public exercise is a show of faith in scriptures that guided this country's founders.

Prayer also conveys an absence of ego, which, if only during a fleeting moment of meditation, is rather more reassuring than the prospect of a political body or individual convinced of its or his own superior infallibility.

Please, Camille Cosby: I ask that you stop it

By ELIZABETH WELLINGTON
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Dear Mrs. Camille Cosby: Please, for the love of God and all things good, just quit. It's over.

Your dear husband — and to be quite honest, one of my first celebrity idols — was convicted last week of three counts of sexual assault.

I know that seems unfair to you, especially in a world where disgraced movie mogul Harvey Weinstein and President Donald Trump, who have both been accused of similar acts, still roam free. So I can only imagine that Bill Cosby's possible jail time seems particularly egregious to you. You pledged to love Bill till death do you part. Separation by a 30-year prison term was not part of the deal.

But, Mrs. Cosby, to compare your husband's trial and conviction to a lynching and use the case of Emmett Till as a metaphor, as you did Thursday morning in a three-page statement, is not just outrageous, it's a fallacy. It's right up there with James West's Tuesday afternoon dumb-dumb talk that included the tweet, "slavery was a choice."

This kind of gross exaggeration only serves to distort the painful legacy of slavery — those powerless brothers of yesterday who were killed for the minor infractions of not lowering their eyes or clearing the sidewalk when a white woman crossed their path. Philando Castile, Trayvon Martin and Sandra Bland also come to mind.

So how can you — a woman from the 1960s era — even fix your mouth to make that statement?

Till was just a 14-year-old boy when he

was lynched and beaten to a pulp in 1955 for what turned out to be false accusations by Carolyn Bryant Donham. But even if Till had grabbed Donham and made lewd comments, the ghastly punishment would in no way fit the crime. To use your words, Till's death was truly a "paradigm of evilness."

Your husband, on the other hand, was one of Hollywood's most powerful men, known for his qualaude game. He invited women to his room despite the vows he took. And more than 60 women — not all of whom were white, by the way — told similar stories involving drugs and sexual assault. To draw on the history of violence against black men just for being black, and to compare it to Bill's perverted behavior, is vicious.

It's par for the course for public officials — or anyone else under scrutiny — to blame the media for their troubles. That tactic would probably be the number-one tool for deflection in a How to Be a Ride-or-Die Wife Handbook that I suspect you could write easily. "The media ensured the dissemination of that propaganda by establishing barricades, preventing the dissemination of truth in violation of the protection of the First Amendment," you wrote in your searing statement. "Are the media now the people's judge and jury?"

No, we are not.

But it is our job to shine a light on some of our darkest corners. These corners are particularly hard to get at because those closest to them refuse to see it, enable it, or turn a blind eye.

Mrs. Cosby, you have done all three. On some level, I can't blame you. At a time when the black family was struggling to exist, you and Mr. Cosby were one of Jet

Magazine's most upstanding black couples. Together you embodied upward mobility. And as Mr. Cosby's wife, you sat on the highest pedestal.

And in public, Mr. Cosby held you there. He based the perfect Clair Huxtable on you, your mannerisms, how you raised your five children. In hindsight, that racial coddling was just a beard. A mask. He used you to cover up the way he treated women behind closed doors. Because these women weren't you — not his perfect wife — they didn't deserve his respect. And if these women didn't have your husband's respect, why should they have yours?

We see this dynamic all the time. In fact, it's the center of hip-hop culture: your husband so despises; the wife vs. the jump off. This kind of thinking and behavior sustains a rape culture that is free to grow. Every time the wife, or the woman in the on-high role, defends her husband's lascivious acts and fails to label him the predator, this garden of evil is fertilized. Victims bloom like black roses.

So, Mrs. Cosby. Please just stop.

I would never suggest a fellow black woman so many people do that, especially when we are fighting for a good cause. But, Mrs. Cosby, your cause is not noble. Unfortunately, the Cosby legacy is in tatters, so you might as well let that go. But worse, comparing Emmett Till's death to your husband's conviction serves no one except those who still long for the era that would allow such a lynching to take place, or perhaps even darker times.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Wellington

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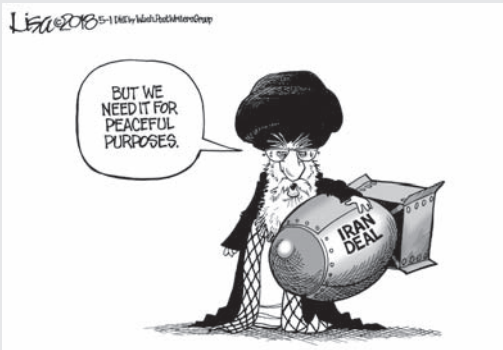
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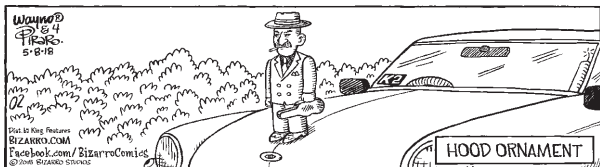
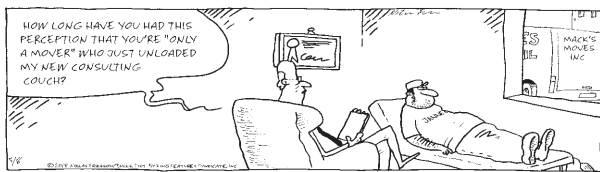
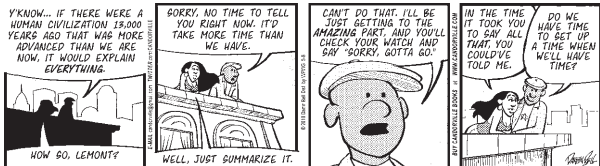
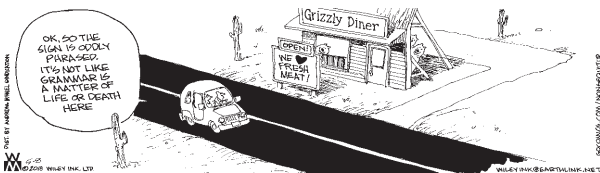
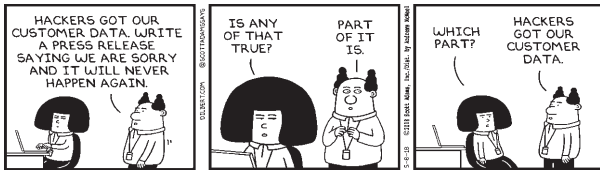
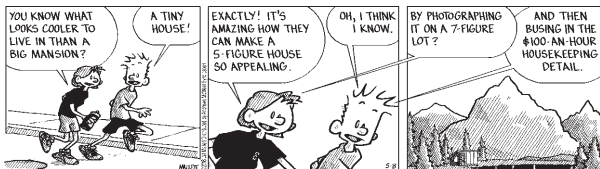
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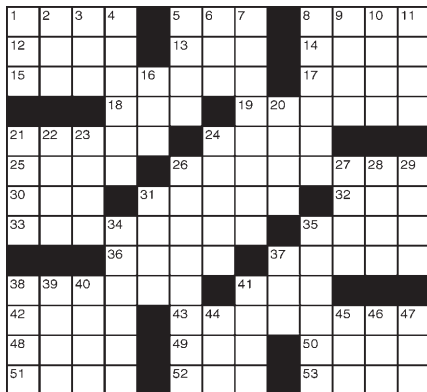
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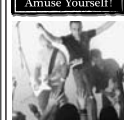
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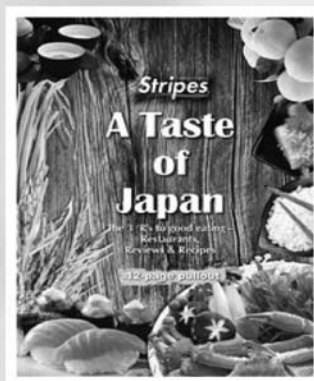
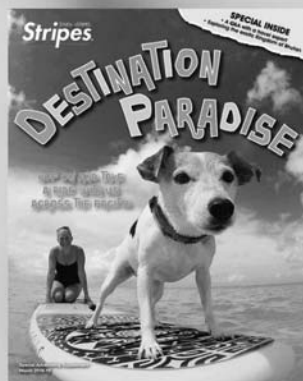
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At Dover International Speedway
Dover, Del.
Lap length: 1.07 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. Kevin Harvick, Ford, 400 laps, 60 points.
2. (2) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 400, 45.
3. (7) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 400, 45.
4. (3) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 400, 37.
5. (10) Chase Elliott, Ford, 400, 36.
6. (10) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 400, 48.
7. (10) Jenson Button, Ford, 400, 33.
8. (14) Ryan Newman, Ford, 400, 33.
9. (19) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 399, 21.
10. (11) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 400, 27.
11. (13) Aric Almirola, Ford, 400, 26.
12. (6) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 400, 39.
13. (18) Joey Logano, Ford, 400, 27.
14. (17) William Byron, Chevrolet, 399, 21.
15. (5) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 399, 22.
16. (23) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 399, 21.
17. (25) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 399, 21.
18. (11) Erik Jones, Toyota, 399, 19.
19. (16) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 400, 27.
20. (16) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 398, 17.
21. (28) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 397, 15.
22. (29) Michael McDowell, Ford, 397, 15.
23. (15) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 397, 15.
24. (26) Denny Hamlin, Ford, 400, 27.
25. (26) barrel Wallace Jr., Chevrolet, 396, 12.
26. (27) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 395, 12.
27. (32) David Ragan, Ford, 395, 10.
28. (31) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 393, 9.
29. (24) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 392, 8.
30. (24) Chase G. Goff, Toyota, 400, 27.
31. (33) Landon Cassady, Chevrolet, 385, 6.
32. (33) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 377, 4.
33. (21) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 377, 4.
34. (21) Paul Menard, Ford, 354, 3.
35. (4) Kyle Busch, Toyota, garage, 21.

36. (37) Cody Ware, Chevrolet, accident.
37. (36) Derrick Coke, Chevrolet, accident.
38. (38) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, accident.
39. (37) Kyle Busch, Toyota, garage, 21.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Winner: 115.044 mph.
Time of Race: 3 hours, 28 minutes, 37 seconds.

Caution Flags: 7 for 480 laps.
Green Flags: 16 for 104 laps.

Lap Leaders: K. Larson 0; K. Harvick 12; A. Bowman 22-47; B. Keselowski 48-107; K. Harvick 108-121; B. Keselowski 122-138; K. Harvick 139-154; B. Keselowski 155-169; K. Harvick 170-242; K. Harvick 243-275; R. Stenhouse 276-293; J. Logano 294; C. Bowyer 293-337; J. Logano 338; C. Bowyer 339-337.

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times, Laps Led): K. Harvick, 6 times for 15 laps; B. Keselowski, 5 times for 12 laps; C. Bowyer, 3 times for 37 laps; A. Bowman, 2 times for 25 laps; R. Stenhouse, 1 time for 22 laps; K. Larson, 1 time for 0 laps; J. Logano, 1 time for 0 laps.

Wins: K. Harvick, 4; K. Busch, 3; C. Bowyer, 1; A. Dillon, 1; J. Logano, 1; K. Harvick, 1.

Top 10 in Points: 1. K. Busch, 466; 2. K. Harvick, 444; 3. K. Larson, 444; 4. C. Bowyer, 380; 5. B. Keselowski, 365; 6. J. Logano, 362; 7. R. Stenhouse, 346; 8. J. Logano, 344; 9. M. Truex, 340; 10. K. Larson, 337.

11. A. Almirola, 354; 12. J. Johnson, 268; 13. J. Logano, 262; 14. K. Harvick, 253; 15. C. Elliott, 247; 16. R. Stenhouse, 239.

AP spotlight

1937 — War Admiral, the favorite ridden by Charles Kurtsch, wins the Kentucky Derby by 1 3/4 lengths over Pom-pom.

1948 — Jim "Catfish" Hunter of the Oakland Athletics is the first pitcher to beat the Minnesota Twins 4-0. It is the first perfect game in the American League since 1880.

1970 — Walt Frazier scores 36 points to lead the New York Knicks to a 104-97 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers and the NBA championship in seven games.

1980 — On the day the Olympic torch begins, the Soviet Union announces it will take part in the 1980 Summer Olympics. The Soviet National Olympic Committee said the participation of Soviet athletes would be impossible because of the "gross flouting" of Olympic ideals by U.S. authorities.

Golf

Wells Fargo
PGA Tour
Sunday
At Quail Hollow Club
Charlotte, N.C.
Par: 71
Yardage: 7,554

- | Final | Score | Par 71 |
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| Jason Day | 136 | 69-67-69-272 |
| Nick Watney | 137 | 69-70-69-276 |
| Tommy Fleetwood | 138 | 70-69-69-278 |
| B. DeBevoise | 139 | 69-70-70-279 |
| Paul Casey | 140 | 69-69-71-279 |
| P. Mickelson | 141 | 72-70-69-277 |
| Peter Uihela | 142 | 72-70-71-277 |
| Patrick Reed | 143 | 70-70-73-273 |
| E. Grillo | 144 | 71-69-71-279 |
| Luke List | 145 | 70-74-70-274 |
| S. Saunderson | 146 | 70-68-72-278 |
| C. Schwartz | 147 | 70-70-72-279 |
| Taylor Gaa | 148 | 71-70-71-280 |
| Kyle Stanley | 149 | 67-71-70-280 |
| J. Wagner | 150 | 69-71-69-280 |
| Joey Dalton | 151 | 70-70-70-281 |
| C. Hadley | 152 | 70-71-69-281 |
| Adam Hadley | 153 | 71-71-69-281 |
| Rory McIlroy | 154 | 68-76-71-281 |
| F. Molinari | 155 | 69-71-69-281 |
| Greg Chalmers | 156 | 70-71-70-282 |
| R. Fowler | 157 | 70-70-72-282 |
| Rickie Fowler | 158 | 72-69-73-282 |
| W. Hoge | 159 | 70-70-72-282 |
| Webb Simpson | 160 | 70-71-69-282 |
| Justin Thomas | 161 | 73-69-70-282 |
| J. K. Nicks | 162 | 71-69-72-282 |
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| M. Thompson | 186 | 68-73-75-285 |
| Brooks Koepka | 187 | 71-71-74-285 |
| Sam Burns | 188 | 71-70-74-286 |
| Sam Burns | 189 | 71-70-74-286 |
| Tiger Woods | 190 | 69-73-74-286 |

Texas Classic
PGA Tour
Sunday
At Old American GC
The Woodlands, Texas
Par: 71
Yardage: 6,478

- | Final | Score | Par 71 |
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| Sung Hyun Park | 118 | 65-66-131 |
| Lundy Duncan | 119 | 68-64-132 |
| Arjun Atwal | 120 | 69-67-132 |
| Arjun Atwal | 121 | 67-71-132 |
| Sei Young Kim | 122 | 67-71-132 |
| Adrian Panatta | 123 | 67-71-132 |
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Inspire Invitational
Champions Tour
Sunday
At The Woodlands CC
The Woodlands, Texas
Par: 71
Yardage: 6,478

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| B. Langer | 130 | 63-72-70-205 |
| David Dennis | 131 | 64-68-69-201 |
| Barry Beyer | 132 | 65-67-69-201 |
| M. Mangat | 133 | 65-67-69-201 |
| David Frost | 134 | 66-72-67-207 |
| Tom Lehman | 135 | 67-68-69-206 |
| T. Pernice Jr. | 136 | 68-68-71-207 |
| Kenny Perry | 137 | 68-69-70-207 |
| David Frost | 138 | 68-70-70-208 |
| Russ Cochran | 139 | 68-70-70-208 |
| Scott Dunlap | 140 | 68-70-70-208 |
| Angel Jimenez | 141 | 68-70-70-208 |
| Gary Hallgren | 142 | 70-72-67-209 |
| Scott Dunlap | 143 | 69-72-68-209 |
| Mark Dawson | 144 | 69-72-68-209 |
| David Dennis | 145 | 69-72-68-209 |
| Corey Pavin | 146 | 70-68-72-210 |
| Jeffrey Roeder | 147 | 69-69-70-210 |
| Glen Day | 148 | 70-71-70-211 |
| John Huston | 149 | 72-69-70-211 |
| Billy Mayfair | 150 | 72-69-70-211 |
| Sam Snead | 151 | 72-69-70-211 |
| John Smith | 152 | 72-70-69-211 |
| Sam Snead | 153 | 72-70-69-211 |
| Sandy Lee | 154 | 72-72-71-211 |
| C. Montgomerie | 155 | 72-72-71-211 |

Deals

Sunday's transactions

- BASEBALL**
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES 2B Jonathan Schoop to Norfolk (IL) for a rehab assignment.
- CLEVELAND INDIANS** — Options RHP Ben Taylor to Columbus (IL). Recalled OF Wade Paredes to Salt Lake (PCL). Recalled OF Grant Blash from Salt Lake.
- MINNESOTA TWINS** — Transferred RHP Ryan Rabbin to the 60-day DL.
- TORONTO BLUE JAYS** — Options RHP J. J. Bledsoe to the 60-day DL. Recalled RHP Justin Smoak from the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Anthony Alford from Norfolk.
- National League**
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Options RHP Kris Medlen to RHP (PCL). Recalled RHP Braden Shipley to Reno.
- ATLANTA BRAVES** — Options RHP Lucas Sims to Gwinnett (IL). Recalled RHP Luke Jackson from Gwinnett.
- CINCINNATI REDS** — Options RHP Tanner Rizzo to Louisville (IL). Reinstated LHP Amir Garrett from the bereavement list.
- LOS ANGELES DODGERS** — Placed LHP Clayton Kershaw on the 10-day DL. Recalled RHP Brock Stewart from Oklahoma City (PCL). Signed SS Danny Espinosa to a minor league contract.
- NEW YORK METS** — Placed RHP Jacob deGrom on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Thairo Estrada from the minors.
- PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES** — Sent RHP Mark Leiter Jr. to Clearwater (FL) for a rehab assignment.
- PITTSBURGH PIRATES** — Sent RHP Joe Mauer to Altoona (IL) for a rehab assignment.
- LOUISIANA CARDINALS** — Placed C Yadier Molina and RHP Dominic Leone on their 10-day DL. Recalled RHP Mike Mayers from the minors.
- WASHINGTON NATIONALS** — Sent RHP Shawn Kelley to Potomac (Carolina) for a rehab assignment.

National Basketball Association
New York Knicks 2B Tim Lincecum to Miami \$25,000 for walking onto the court during the 10th quarter of a verbally confront game officials.

National Football League
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed TE Julian Edelman to a 1-year contract.

Oakland Raiders — Signed DT P.J. Hall.

Pro soccer
MLS

Eastern Conference

Western Conference

Saturday, May 5

Sunday, May 6

Monday, May 7

Tuesday, May 8

Wednesday, May 9

Thursday, May 10

Friday, May 11

Saturday, May 12

Sunday, May 13

Monday, May 14

Tuesday, May 15

Wednesday, May 16

Thursday, May 17

Friday, May 18

Saturday, May 19

Sunday, May 20

Monday, May 21

Tuesday, May 22

Wednesday, May 23

Thursday, May 24

Friday, May 25

Saturday, May 26

Sunday, May 27

Monday, May 28

Tuesday, May 29

Wednesday, May 30

Thursday, May 31

Friday, June 1

Saturday, June 2

Sunday, June 3

Monday, June 4

Tuesday, June 5

Wednesday, June 6

AUTO RACING/GOLF



Nick Wass/AP

Kevin Harvick performs a burnout after winning the NASCAR Cup Series auto race Sunday at Dover International Speedway in Dover, Del.

Harvick dominates at Dover

Drives to series-leading fourth win of season after weather delay

By DAN GELSTON
Associated Press

DOVER, Del. — Kevin Harvick was flanked by his Stewart-Haas Racing team on the victory lane stage when a photographer yelled at the group, "What are you holding up?"

"Four!" they shouted in unison.

Harvick, team owner Tony Stewart and the rest flashed their fingers Four Horsemen-style and let out a "Wooh!" before they uncorked the champagne and sprayed anyone in their sights.

The checked flag collection keeps growing at SHR, and Harvick is leading the way.

Harvick dominated a race interrupted by rain and drove to his Cup Series-high fourth victory of the season Sunday at Dover International Speedway.

"I feel like we're playoff-racing on a weekly basis," Harvick said.

He reeled off three straight wins at Atlanta, Las Vegas and Phoenix earlier this season and now has the 60-pound Miles Monster trophy to add to his collection.

He brought the trophy home following his first win at Dover in October 2015, only to have his young son break the arm on the fiberglass creature that was never cleaned from the victory celebration.

"I'm bringing it home but do not break the arm off of this one," Harvick said he told his son. "It's hard to explain to people why his playroom smells like beer."

Harvick swept the first two stages and easily chased down SHR teammate Clint Bowyer in the third for the lead after a 41-minute delay. Bowyer, who won this season at Martinsville to snap a 190-race losing streak dating to 2012, had asked for a rain dance when the race was stopped with 80 laps left.

Once it resumed, Harvick waltzed his way into victory lane

in the No. 4 Ford. He led 201 of 400 laps and stormed past Bowyer and took the lead for good with 62 laps left.

"You knew he was going to be the one that you were going to have to beat for the win," Bowyer said.

Harvick's 41st career Cup victory gives him a stout nine top-10 finishes and eight top-fives in 11 starts this season. He held four fingers out the window as he took a victory lap on the mile concrete track and won at Dover for the second time.

Bowyer was second. Daniel Suarez, Martin Truex Jr. and Kurt Busch rounded out the top five.

SHR had three cars in the top five with Harvick, Bowyer and Busch.

"Three cars in the top five says a lot about where we are as a company," Harvick said. "It's fun racing your teammate."

SHR has five wins this season and has never won more than six in its 10-year history.

"It's days like today that build momentum for the organization," Stewart said. "It's about evolution."

NASCAR waits another week for its own transformation to happen.

The ballyhooed youth movement that was supposed to usher in NASCAR's rebirth continues to fizzle. The Dover race program had a photo of seven drivers with one career Cup win on the cover, yet the 42-year-old Harvick continues to hold off the so-called "young guns."

Harvick, Truex and Bowyer — all winners this year — are over 35.

One highlight, Suarez, NASCAR's first Mexican champion in the Xfinity Series, did match his career-best finish while driving with a broken left thumb.

"I feel like I was putting a lot of pressure on myself earlier in the season, trying to put a lot of pressure on the team to get the

results," he said.

Here's what else happened at Dover:

Kyle Busch out: Kyle Busch failed to finish a race for the first time this season because of a broken drive shaft on the No. 18 Toyota.

Busch, who had complained of a vibration for most of the race, was running third when the part finally broke and dumped oil across the track.

Dover date: Dover has its earliest Cup date since it started in 1969.

"NASCAR and the networks, they have a pretty tough job of balancing everything out," track president Mike Tatolian said. "If you look at the overall NASCAR schedule, it may be an improvement. But that means some tracks get the short end of the stick, some tracks get the benefit from it. From our perspective, if we had our choice, of course we'd go later."

Back it up: Pole sitter Kyle Larson was sent to the back of the field because his No. 42 Chevrolet failed pre-race inspection three times. Larson had won his fifth career pole and was a heavy favorite on the strength of two runner-up finishes at the track.

Alex Bowman and Austin Dillon also were sent to the rear because of inspection issues with their cars. Larson and Bowman lost their car chiefs, and both teams were docked 30 minutes of practice next week at Kansas Speedway.

Bye-bye, Bayne: Trevor Bayne, the 2011 Daytona 500 champion, is set to yield the No. 6 Ford next week to the returning Matt Kenseth. Kenseth, a two-time Daytona 500 winner and former Cup champion, was hired by Roush Fenway Racing to split races with Bayne.

Up next: The series shifts to Kansas Speedway, where Truex is the defending race winner.

Roundup

Late birdies help Day hold on at Wells Fargo

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jason Day birdied two of his final three holes Sunday for a 2-under 69 and a two-shot victory over Aaron Wise and Nick Watney in the Wells Fargo Championship, his second victory this year.

After squandering a three-shot lead on the back nine, Day rolled in a 20-foot birdie putt on the 16th hole and then effectively won the tournament when his tee shot on the 230-yard 17th hole crashed into the flagstick and settled 3 feet away. He was the only player to make birdie on No. 17 at Quail Hollow in the final round, and it staked him to a two-shot lead.

Wise, a PGA Tour rookie, saved par on his last two holes for a 68. Watney made a 59-foot birdie putt on the last hole for a 69 and his best finish in three years.

Day finished at 12-under 272 and returns to the top 10 in the world.

He called it "one of the best wins I have ever had."

"I felt like I went 10 rounds out there just fighting against myself," Day said.

He won for the 12th time in his career.

PGA Tour Champions: Bernhard Langer won his first PGA Tour Champions event of the year when he saved par on the final hole and closed with a 2-under 70 for a one-shot victory in the Insignity Invitational at The Woodlands, Texas.

Langer had to rally from as many as four shots behind in the final round at the The Woodlands Country Club. He birdied two straight holes around the turn, added birdies on both par 5s on the back nine and then had to scramble for par on the 18th hole.

He was right of the fairway among pine trees blocking his

path over the water to the green. Langer was behind a TV structure, however, and chose to take relief to the right away from the trees. It left him a blind shot, but without pines in his way. He went just right of the green, hit a delicate chip to just under 4 feet and made the putt.

Paul Goydos (68) led for much of the back nine until a bogey on the 18th hole. He tied for second with Jeff Maggert and Bart Bryant, who each had a 69.

The 60-year-old Langer won for the 37th time on the PGA Tour Champions, which trails only Hale Irwin's 45. It was Langer's fourth win at the Insignity Invitational.

LPGA Tour: Sung Hyun Park chipped in from behind the green for birdie on the final hole for a 5-under 66 and a one-shot victory in the LPGA Texas Classic at The Colony, a tournament cut to 36 holes because of rain.

Because of the rain delays and stop-and-start nature of the tournament, Park was part of a five-way tie for the lead going into the second and final round. However, she finished 90 minutes before the tournament ended because groupings were not changed from the opening round.

Park finished at 11-under 131.

Lindy Duncan birdied her last three holes for a 64 to finish one shot behind. Yu Liu of China had a 66 and was another shot back.

Park was the LPGA Tour rookie of the year and shared the LPGA player of the year award with So Yeon Ryu last year. This was her first victory of the year, and she was the 11th winner in 11 tournaments on the LPGA Tour this year.

With a 36-hole event that began with a full field, some players went 35 holes on Saturday and returned to play one hole on Sunday.



Jason E. Mickey/AP

Jason Day reacts after playing partner Nick Watney's 59-foot birdie putt on 13 at the Wells Fargo Championship tournament at Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, N.C., on Sunday. Day won by two shots.

SOCCER/HORSE RACING

Russia trying to curb racism ahead of Cup

By JAMES ELLINGWORTH
Associated Press

MOSCOW — As a black football player who was born and raised in St. Petersburg, Bryan Idowu knows all about racism in Russia.

He's dealt with it on the streets and on the field, and could be playing in Russia's World Cup next month for Nigeria.

Idowu, whose Nigerian father came to Russia as a student, made his international debut at left back in November and scored against Argentina. If chosen for Russia's World Cup team, he could end up playing Argentina again, and in his hometown.

As a young player for Zenit St. Petersburg, a club with a far-right fan base, Idowu was abused by a supporter while returning from training. "There's no black in Zenit's colors," he recalls the fan saying. "What's going on there, and why are you in the kit? My friend got angrier than I did. I just responded with a smile."

Other locals, however, urged him to become "the first black guy at Zenit." But he ended up leaving the club to find first-team football.

Six weeks ahead of the World Cup, FIFA is investigating Russia over monkey chants aimed at France players during a friendly in March. Last month, the Russian Football Union fined two top clubs, Zenit and Spartak Moscow, for racist chants.

Idowu, who plays for Amkar Perm, told The Associated Press he's been racially profiled by Russian police — at one stage so often that he and a friend placed bets on the subway on which of them would be stopped and searched. He's also been racially abused twice on the field, and believes fans view monkey chants as a tactic to help their team.

"I think most of them do that to put pressure on a player psychologically, maybe so he doesn't want to keep playing," Idowu said. "It could just be because someone finds it funny. ... Sometimes I'm walking along (the street) and there's five guys, or a guy with his girlfriend, and one of them sees me and makes a joke so his friends will laugh."

Despite the recent cases, Idowu said racist incidents have become less common in the last five years, perhaps because more Russians travel abroad and meet foreigners.

"It's really changed strongly," he said.

Observers who track racism in Russian football say it remains high by European standards but is becoming less blatant.

A few years ago, openly racist statements were common. When another Russian-Nigerian player, Peter Odenwingle, left Lokomotiv Moscow for West Bromwich Albion in 2010, Lokomotiv fans celebrated his departure with a banner reading "Thanks West Brom" with a picture of a banana.

In 2012, after Idowu left the club and shortly after the arrival of Brazilian striker Hulk, one major Zenit fan club published a manifesto calling for an all-white, all-heterosexual team.



PAVEL GOLOVKIN/AP

Nigeria player Bryan Idowu, who was born and raised in St. Petersburg, says he has faced racism on the streets and on the field in Russia, but that the situation is slowly changing for the better. Russia is struggling to tackle soccer racism before it hosts the World Cup.

These days, more cameras in stadiums plus stricter fines for clubs mean fewer far-right banners. Swastikas haven't been seen at pro games for several years, and the Celtic cross — another symbol for white nationalists — has all but vanished this season after a crackdown.

However, monkey chants remain common, partly because they're harder to track on surveillance systems, said Pavel Klymenko of the FARE Network, which helps UEFA and FIFA investigate discrimination and racism cases. Other fans don't intervene because they are scared of far-right groups, he said.

"It's very easy to get your head hammered in the stands if you publicly disagree with something that's going on," Klymenko said. "The culture of violence and the dominance of the far-right groups with violence is a major problem."

Ahead of the World Cup, there hasn't been enough emphasis on anti-racism education alongside enforcement and sanctions, said Klymenko, who is writing a guide with safety tips for foreign fans.

Speaking last month to the AP, World Cup organizing committee chief executive Alexei Sorokin said soccer racism in Russia was no worse than in "many countries."

"The situation with racism has improved significantly," he said. "It's not depicting the mood of the society."

Russian law enforcement rarely gets involved in soccer racism cases, even when officers are at the stadium in large numbers. When the police are involved, sometimes little is done. When a fan in a Samara taunted Brazilian player Roberto Carlos with a banana in 2011, police later announced they found a suspect but the incident wasn't a crime. For the World Cup, police promise a tough response.

Some major clubs' support bases still include organized far-right groups. That includes Zenit, where football tournaments organized among hardcore fans include several teams with names referencing white nationalist ideology. One of the more successful teams is simply called "White Power," with a cartoon mascot in a Ku Klux Klan hood.

Preakness

Justify might face only fresh horses

By BETH HARRIS
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The competition isn't exactly lining up to take on Kentucky Derby winner Justify in the Preakness.

Of his 19 rivals in the Derby, it appears most will skip the second leg of the Triple Crown in favor of resting and being pointed toward other races. That leaves mostly fresh horses to potentially fill the maximum 14-horse Preakness field.

A day after Justify raced to a 5 1/2-length victory in the slop as the 5-2 favorite, trainer Bob Baffert and his star horse drew a horde of visitors to his barn at Churchill Downs.

Baffert guided his fifth Derby winner out of the barn and walked him in a tight circle for fans who eagerly snapped photos on their phones. The chestnut colt's coat shone in the morning sunlight and he nibbled on a couple of baby carrots Baffert plucked from his vest pocket. "He knows he's a stud," Baffert said.

It was a quick appearance.

With Justify playfully tossing his head, Baffert knew it was best to get the champ back in his stall where he couldn't inadvertently kick anyone.

"When I came out of the stall, he was pulling me," the trainer said. "Usually they're a little bit tired, but he was good."

Baffert's phone rang Sunday with an official invitation to bring Justify to run in the Preakness on May 19 in Baltimore.

"I didn't tell them I'd think about it," he said. "There's no reason to say no."

Baffert will be seeking his record-tying seventh Preakness victory. His four other Derby

winners — Silver Charm, Real Quiet, War Emblem and American Pharoah — all won the 1 1/2-mile race.

Of course, American Pharoah went on to capture the Belmont and complete the sport's first Triple Crown sweep in 37 years.

But Baffert isn't going there yet.

"Right now I'm thinking just keep him healthy," he said.

Baffert plans to leave Justify at Churchill Downs until shipping the chestnut colt to Pimlico likely the Wednesday of race week.

Derby runner-up Good Magic, last year's 2-year-old champion and Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner, appears unlikely to run in the Preakness.

However, New York-based trainer Chad Brown said he would weigh his options before making a final decision. "I want to give myself a little room to really observe the horse," Brown said. "The horse will tell us."

D. Wayne Lukas expects to have two Preakness runners: Bravazo, sixth in the Derby, and Sporting Chance, fourth in the Pat Day Mile on the Derby undercard. Lukas has won the Preakness six times.

Among the fresh horses under consideration are Tampa Bay Derby winner Quip and Federico Tesio winner Diamond King.

Quip had enough qualifying points to get into the Derby field, but his ownership chose to point him toward the Preakness. The colt is owned by WinStar Farm, one of Justify's multiple owners.

Todd Pletcher, who dislikes running his horses again in two weeks, said Audible (third in the Derby), Magnum Moon, Vino Rosso and Noble Indy would return to his New York base.

'When I came out of the stall, he was pulling me. Usually they're a little bit tired, but he was good.'

Bob Baffert
Justify trainer

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MLB



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St. Louis Cardinals outfielder Dexter Fowler (25) celebrates with teammates after his walk-off home run off Chicago Cubs relief pitcher Luke Farrell in the 14th inning early Monday morning in St. Louis. The Cardinals won 4-3 to complete a three-game sweep of the Cubs.

Yankees, Cardinals win on dramatic walk-offs

Torres HR in 9th gives NY 15th victory in past 16 games

By MIKE FITZPATRICK

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Move over, Mickey Mantle.

Gleyber Torres is the latest Yankees phenom earning his pinstripes right off the bat.

On a day when hits were hard to come by in the Bronx, the rookie second baseman became the youngest Yankees player to hit a walk-off homer, a three-run shot in the ninth inning that gave New York a 7-4 win over the Cleveland Indians on Sunday for its 15th victory in 16 games.

At 21 years and 144 days, Torres bettered Mantle, who was 21 years and 185 days when he hit three-run, ninth-inning drive off Boston's Ellis Kinder in a 6-3 victory on April 23, 1953.

"He's been special," smiling manager Aaron Boone said about Torres.

After managing only one hit against Mike Clevinger, the Yankees fought back

to win their sixth straight and finish a three-game sweep. New York also took the final three games of last year's playoff series between the teams.

Clevinger went 7 1/3 innings in his first start against the Yankees, setting career highs with 10 strikeouts and 116 pitches. He issued two of his four walks in the eighth as New York rallied.

Short in the bullpen, Cleveland manager Terry Francona called on closer Cody Allen, looking for a five-out save. Allen gave up a two-out RBI single to Brett Gardner and an opposite-field, two-run double to right by Aaron Judge before retiring Gary Sanchez with two on.

Aaron Hicks and Neil Walker, who began the day batting .182, opened the ninth with consecutive doubles to tie it and chase Allen (2-1). One out later, pinch-hitter Giancarlo Stanton was intentionally walked, and Torres drove a full-count pitch from Dan Otero over the right-center fence and into the Yankees' bullpen.

By KURT VOIGT

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Dexter Fowler had a flair for the dramatic during his two seasons with the Chicago Cubs, from game-winning home runs early in his first year at Colorado to the leadoff blast in Game 7 of the World Series in 2016.

The St. Louis Cardinals outfielder was up to his old theatrics early Monday morning, putting the finishing touch on a Cardinals sweep of the Cubs with a two-out, two-run home run in the bottom of the 14th inning.

Fowler's blast lifted St. Louis to a 4-3 victory over Chicago in a twice rain-delayed game that appeared to be all but finished when Javier Baez put the Cubs up by a run with his solo homer in the top of the 14th.

That is, until Fowler reminded his old teammates of the excitement they've been missing since he departed Chicago follow-

ing its World Series championship in favor of a four-year contract in St. Louis.

"It's always something special if you do it against them," Fowler said.

The Cardinals matched their season-best winning streak with their fifth consecutive victory. They improved to 4-1 this season against the rival Cubs, a year after Chicago won 14 of 19 between the two.

After Chicago took a 3-2 lead on Baez's solo shot in the top of the 14th, Luke Farrell (1-2) struck out the first two Cardinals he faced before allowing an infield single to Harrison Bader. Fowler then lifted a 2-2 pitch down the right-field line and just over the glove of Chicago's Jason Heyward.

"I said to myself, 'If you catch this, I'm going to cry,'" Fowler said. "He jumped and I thought he caught it. So I stopped. Then, I saw it bounce and I was like, 'Oh, my gosh.' Words can't even explain it."

Mike Mayers (1-0) earned the win in relief for St. Louis, allowing one run in three innings.

Fowler lifts St. Louis over Cubs with 2-run shot in 14th

Roundup

Koch bests another MVP as Diamondbacks defeat Astros

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Matt Koch outpitched Justin Verlander to become the first pitcher to beat MVPs in consecutive starts in at least 71 years, lifting the Arizona Diamondbacks to a 3-1 victory over the Houston Astros.

Koch (2-0) outlasted Los Angeles Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw in his previous start and faced Verlander to become the first pitcher since the Chicago White Sox's Ed Lopat in 1947 to face MVPs in consecutive starts.

Verlander (4-1) took the loss, ending his 11-game regular season winning streak.

Nationals 5, Phillies 4: Max Scherzer struck out 15 in 6 1/3 innings, and host Washington rallied for two runs in the ninth to beat Philadelphia. Scherzer and

Phillies starter Jake Arrieta, who have combined to win the past three NL Cy Young Awards, kept things close before both bullpens faltered.

Angels 8, Mariners 2: Shohei Ohtani (3-1) returned from a sprained ankle and took a shutout into the seventh inning while outpitching Felix Hernandez, Mike Trout hit his 12th homer and Los Angeles beat host Seattle.

Red Sox 6, Rangers 1: Chris Sale (3-1) struck out 12, J.D. Martinez homered and Boston beat host Texas.

Blue Jays 2, Rays 1: Kevin Pillar scored the tiebreaking run on Alex Colome's wild pitch in the ninth inning, and visiting Toronto beat Tampa Bay.

Twins 5, White Sox 3: James Shields

took a no-hitter into the seventh inning before Minnesota rallied past host Chicago.

Royals 4, Tigers 2: Kansas City won a series for the first time in 11 tries this season, beating visiting Detroit as Mike Moustakas drove in three runs.

Rockies 3, Mets 2: Ian Desmond hit two solo homers, including a tiebreaking drive in the eighth inning that sent visiting Colorado over sagging New York for its season-high fifth consecutive victory.

Giants 4, Braves 3: Andrew Suarez outpitched Mike Sorkin at a rookie matchup, and San Francisco survived a ninth-inning rally for its first series sweep of host Atlanta in four years.

Pirates 9, Brewers 0: Chad Kuhl and Richard Rodriguez combined on a two-hit

ter as Pittsburgh beat host Milwaukee.

Athletics 2, Orioles 1: Andrew Triggs allowed two hits over seven innings, Kris Davis and Matt Olson drove in runs and host Oakland rallied to victory, extending Baltimore's losing streak to six games.

Padres 3, Dodgers 0: Eric Hosmer hit a go-ahead, two-run homer for the second consecutive day, rookie Eric Lauer got his first major league win and San Diego beat Los Angeles to take two of three in Major League Baseball's first regular-season series in Mexico since 1999.

Marlins 8, Reds 5: Starlin Castro drove in three runs for the second consecutive game, Cameron Maybin added two hits and two RBIs and visiting Miami won its fourth series in a row.

NHL PLAYOFFS

Tampa Bay finishes off Boston

Lightning reach third Eastern Conference final in four years

By FRED GOODALL
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — The Tampa Bay Lightning know the grind. Back in the Eastern Conference final for the third time in four years, the Atlantic Division winners led the NHL in scoring this season but have been even more impressive defensively through the first two rounds of the playoffs.

"I think if people looked at our team in the regular season ... we had the most goals scored in the league or close to it. So, we're kind of looked at as that team, the high-flying Bolts that can score and defense isn't really important to them," coach Jon Cooper said.

"To us, all along it has been (important). To win in the playoffs, you have to have that," Cooper added. "Probably the one thing that's gone under the radar is how physical we've been in both series. I think that's really helped the cause to where we were. It's difficult in an 82-game season to bring that kind of intensity every single night. In the playoffs guys are more dialed in."

Sunday's 3-1 victory closed out the team's second-round matchup against the Boston Bruins in five games.

Coming off a week's rest, the Lightning allowed six goals in losing Game 1.

Over the last three games of the series, including a pair of wins in Boston, Tampa Bay neutralized the Bruins' high-scoring line of Patrice Bergeron, Brad Marchand and David Pastrnak while not allowing an even-strength goal.

Much of the credit goes to the line of Brayden Point, Tyler John-



Bruins center Patrice Bergeron, right, tries to stuff the puck past Lightning goaltender Andrei Vasilevsky during the third period of Game 5 of their second-round playoff series on Sunday.

son and Ondrej Palat, which rebounded from yielding 11 points to the Bergeron line in the series opener to hold their own against the Boston trio the rest of the way.

"It's a four-line effort. You have to have depth. You have to have it. It's the way everybody bought into their rolls and contributed," Cooper said.

The Lightning's depth also showed offensively, with 12 players combining to score 17 goals in the second round.

Point, J.T. Miller and Anton Stralman scored in Sunday's clincher against Boston.

"For sure, you don't expect to come in and beat a team like that in four straight games after drop-

ping the first one. We expected a long series," Lightning captain Steven Stamkos said. "I don't think any team goes in thinking they are going to clean out a team in the second round in five, but it happened. When you play the right way, you get rewarded for it."

Tampa Bay is the eighth team since 1998 to reach a conference final three times in a four-year span.

The Lightning defeated the New York Rangers in 2015, advancing to the Stanley Cup Final, where they lost to Chicago in six games. They lost the 2016 East final to the Pittsburgh Penguins in seven games.

"It's good, but it will be grati-

fying if we win two more series," forward Ryan Callahan said. "We've been here before, so the shock and awe of really getting this far really isn't there. We are happy with our first two series, but there is so much more work to do and we realize that."

The Lightning will face either Washington or defending champion Pittsburgh. The Capitals lead that semifinal series 3-2 heading into Game 6 on Monday night.

"We'll watch it for sure, but I think the most important thing at the end of the day is just getting our rest," Point said, looking ahead. "We're going to be ready when our time comes, hopefully prepare well, and play some good games."

Scoreboard

Conference semifinals

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Washington 3, Pittsburgh 2

Pittsburgh 3, Washington 2

Washington 4, Pittsburgh 1

Washington 4, Pittsburgh 3

Pittsburgh 3, Washington 1

Washington 6, Pittsburgh 3

Monday at Pittsburgh

x-Wednesday at Washington

Tampa Bay 4, Boston 1

Boston 6, Tampa Bay 2

Tampa Bay 4, Boston 2

Tampa Bay 4, Boston 1

Sunday: Tampa Bay 3, Boston 1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Winnipeg 3, Nashville 2

Nashville 5, Winnipeg 4, 2OT

Winnipeg 7, Nashville 4

Nashville 2, Winnipeg 1

Winnipeg 6, Nashville 2

Monday at Winnipeg

x-Thursday at Nashville

Vegas 4, San Jose 2

Vegas 7, San Jose 0

San Jose 4, Vegas 3, 2OT

Vegas 4, San Jose 3

Vegas 5, San Jose 3

Sunday Vegas 3, San Jose 0

Sunday

Golden Knights 3, Sharks 0

Vegas 0 2 1-3

San Jose 0 0 0-0

Second Period—1, Vegas, Marchessault 4 (Smith, Warlickson), 6:33; 2, Vegas, Schmidt 2 (Haula, Perron), 15:38.

Third Period—3, Vegas, Eakin 3 (Carpenter, Schmidt), 18:09.

Shots on Goal—Vegas 12-5-16—33, San Jose 11-7-10—28.

Power-play opportunities—Vegas 0 of 1; San Jose 0 of 2.

Goalies—Vegas, Fleury 8-2 (28 shots-28 saves), San Jose, Jones 4-6 (32-30).

A-17,562 (17,562, T-232).

Lightning 3, Bruins 1

Boston 1 0 0-1

Tampa Bay 0 2 1-3

First Period—1, Boston, Krejci 3 (Bergeron, McAvoy), 19:12 (pp).

Second Period—2, Tampa Bay, Point 4, 10:43; 3, Tampa Bay, J.Miller 2 (Stamkos, Kuchel), 14:00 (pp).

Third Period—4, Tampa Bay, Stralman 1 (Hedman), 18:31.

Shots on Goal—Boston 9-5-14—28, Tampa Bay 7-8-22.

Power-play opportunities—Boston 1 of 3; Tampa Bay 1 of 3.

Goalies—Boston, Rask 5-7 (21 shots-19 saves), Tampa Bay, Vasilevsky 8-2 (28-27).

A-19,092 (19,092, T-237).

Calendar

May 27 June 2 — NHL draft scouting combine, Buffalo, N.Y.

June 13 — Last possible game of Stanley Cup Final.

June 20 — NHL awards, Las Vegas.

June 22-23 — NHL draft, Dallas.

Castoffs: Team had chemistry from start

FROM BACK PAGE

While the Golden Knights got help from a couple of shots that hit the iron and the net for San Jose and one that went off the post and into the net for a goal by Nate Schmidt that was only detectable on replay, the recipe for success has been speed, tenacity and depth more than luck.

"We made ourselves a good team," Fleury said. "We had great chemistry right from the start. We keep improving throughout the season. I feel like we're using everybody in the lineup to get wins. That's what's made us successful."

Fleury has been a big part of that, capped by his fourth career series-clinching shutout, one shy of Chris Osgood's NHL record.

Fleury allowed just three goals in the sweep against the Kings, posted shutouts in the opening and closing games against San Jose and was brilliant in an over-

time victory in Game 3 over the Sharks.

He has had plenty of help. William Karlsson scored 43 goals in the regular season and had the overtime winner in Game 3 of this series. Jonathan Marchessault is tied for the team lead with 11 points this postseason, including the first goal on Sunday. Even the fourth line played a big role Sunday by controlling the puck and hemming San Jose in the defensive zone.

"We're having a lot of fun in this room," Schmidt said. "The guys have just been having a blast all year with each other. I think that we've done a lot more than we thought we were capable of, but we continue to set the bar to new heights with our group. We continue to just set new expectations for yourself. This group believes in each other and that's more than anything you can ask for."

The Golden Knights took con-

trol of this game with some good fortune in the second period. It started when usually reliable Marc-Edouard Vlasic turned the puck over in his own zone. Reilly Smith took control near the blue line and found Marchessault alone in front for a goal that trickled between Martin Jones' pads.

The Golden Knights then added to the lead after an icing by Brent Burns led to an offensive zone face-off. David Perron beat Tierney on the draw and Schmidt took a shot that appeared to deflect off the post and out.

Play went on for 25 more seconds before the buzzer rang, with the situation room in Toronto calling for a video review. That quickly showed that the puck bounced off the post, off a piece of equipment inside the net and out.

Vegas then had a delayed celebration for the goal that made it 2-0.

That was the type of bounce



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

The Golden Knights' Jonathan Marchessault celebrates his goal with teammates on the bench during the second period against the Sharks on Sunday. Vegas won the series 4-2.

the Sharks didn't get early in the game when they hit the post or crossbar three times in the opening period and then again in the third when they tried to cut into Vegas' lead.

"It's a fine line," coach Peter

DeBoer said. "I think we had a couple of shots that didn't go in. That's hockey. But Vegas deserves to be moving on. They played great. They finished the chances when they needed to and got saves when they needed to."

NBA PLAYOFFS

Scoreboard

Conference semifinals

(Best-of-seven; x-if necessary)

Eastern Conference

Cleveland 3, Toronto 0
Cleveland 113, Toronto 112, OT
Cleveland 126, Toronto 110
Cleveland 105, Toronto 103

Monday, at Cleveland

x-Wednesday, at Toronto

x-Friday, May 11, at Cleveland

x-Sunday, May 13, at Toronto

Boston 3, Philadelphia 0

Boston 117, Philadelphia 103

Boston 108, Philadelphia 103

Boston 101, Philadelphia 98 (OT)

Monday, at Philadelphia

x-Friday, May 11, at Philadelphia

x-Sunday, May 13, at Boston

Western Conference

Houston 3, Utah 1

Houston 110, Utah 96

Utah 116, Houston 108

Houston 105, Utah 98

Sunday, at Houston

Tuesday, at Houston

a.m. Wednesday, at Houston

x-Thursday, May 10, at Utah

x-Monday, May 14, at Houston

Golden State 3, New Orleans 1

Golden State 123, New Orleans 116

Golden State 121, New Orleans 110

New Orleans 116, Golden State 121

Sunday, at Golden State

Tuesday, at Golden State

a.m. Wednesday, at Golden State

Wednesday JKT

x-Thursday, May 10, at New Orleans

x-Monday, May 14, at Golden State

Sunday

Warriors 118, Pelicans 92

GOLDEN STATE — Igoudala 27-0-0, Durant 15-27-6-38, Green 3-9-0-8, Curry 8-17-23-25, Thompson 5-13-2-13, Looney 3-4-1-27, West 2-5-0-4, Bell 0-0-0-0, Par-chulia 0-0-1-2, McGee 1-2-0-0, Cook 5-8-2-3, Livingston 2-5-0-4, Young 0-1-0-0. Totals 46-95-15-18-18.

NEW ORLEANS — Moore 8-14-3-4-20, Mirovic 1-7-5-7, Davis 8-22-10-26, Rondo 2-10-1-4, Holiday 8-16-2-19, Miller 0-2-0-0, Hill 1-2-0-0-3, Diallo 0-1-0-0, Clark 4-14-3-3, Liggins 0-0-0-0. Totals 32-88-24-30-25.

Golden State 37 24 34 24-118

New Orleans 22 32 19 39 92

Three-point Goals—Golden State

11-33 (Curry 4-9, Green 2-4, Durant 2-5,

Igoudala 2-5, Thompson 1-5, McGee 0-1,

Cook 0-3), New Orleans 4-26 (Rondo 1-2,

Hill 1-2, Holiday 1-4, Moore 1-4, Mirovic 0-2,

Miller 0-2, Davis 0-3, Clark 0-7). Fouled

out—None. Rebounds—Golden State 45

(Green, Durant 9), New Orleans 51 (Davis

12). Assists—Golden State 28 (Green 9),

New Orleans 17 (Rondo 6). Total Fouls—

Golden State 20, New Orleans 21. Techni-

cals—Garday, A.—16(53, 86, 87).

Rockets 100, Jazz 87

HOUSTON — Ariza 27-0-0-6, Tucker 3-6-22, Capela 1-0-0-12, Paul 12-23-22-27, Harden 8-22-7-24, Mbah a Moute 1-3-1-3, Nene 0-1-2-2, Green 2-5-0-6, Gordon 3-10-2-9. Totals 37-88-16-17-100.

UTAH — Ingles 13-12-15, Mitchell 8-24-7-11, 22-5, Gobert 5-7-1-2-11, Mitchell 8-24-7-11, 22-5, O'neale 3-7-2-8, Jerebko 0-1-0-0, Favors 2-2-1-5, Nene 3-10-1-9, Exum 4-6-1-2, Burks 0-2-0-0. Totals 32-83-16-20-87.

Houston 37 21 21-100

Utah 30 25 27-87

Three-point Goals—Houston 10-38

(Tucker 4-12, Green 2-5, Ariza 2-7, Paul 1-6,

Gordon 1-6, Harden 1-7, Mbah a Moute 1-3,

0-2), Utah 28 (Nene 2-3, Mitchell 2-7,

Gordon 2-7, Crowder 1-7, Jerebko 0-1, Exum 0-1,

O'neale 0-3). Fouled out—Mitchell, Rebounds—Houston 49 (Capela 12, Utah

45 (Gobert 10). Assists—Houston 15 (Paul

0-4, Utah 16 (Ingles 4). Total Fouls—Houston

21, Utah 30. Technicals—Capela, Houston coach

21-18-36 (18, 30, 30), Antioni, Paul, Mitchell, A.—18-36 (18, 30).

RICK BOWMAN/AP

Rockets guard James Harden, right, goes to the basket against Jazz center Rudy Gobert in Game 4 on Sunday.

Durant scores 38, Warriors roll

By BRETT MARTEL

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NEW ORLEANS — Kevin Durant made his approach to taking over a pivotal NBA playoff game sound so simple — and look that way, too.

"I just try to tell myself that I'm at my best when I don't care what happens after the game, the outcome or anything," Durant said. "That's when I'm free and having fun out there, and forceful. That was thing — just try to play with force no matter if I missed shots or not, just keep shooting, keep being aggressive."

Durant scored Golden State's first two baskets on pull-up jumpers of 21 and 15 before a minute-and-a-half had elapsed in Game 4 of the Warriors' Western Conference semifinal series against New Orleans on Sunday. He finished with 38 points on 15-for-27 shooting to go with nine rebounds, and Golden State soundly beat the Pelicans 118-92 to take a commanding 3-1 series lead back to the West Coast.

Warriors guard Stephen Curry said it was apparent early that getting the ball to Durant would be wise.

"Just find ways to get him in scoring positions," Curry said. "Sometimes, that's not really hard to do — just throw it to him."

"Just keep the game simple at that point because he's such a great scorer, you don't have to really overthink things."

The Warriors lost by 19 in Game 3 Friday and the Pelicans were looking to even the series. Instead, the Warriors responded with a resounding effort that produced a wire-to-wire win with leads as large as 26 points. Curry scored 23, Klay Thompson added 13 and Quinn Cook, who was a Pelicans reserve earlier this season, contributed 12 points.

Anthony Davis has 26 points and 12 rebounds for New Orleans, but the Pelicans hit only 36 percent (32-for-88) of their shots, missing 12 of 26 three-point attempts.

Pelicans coach Alvin Gentry said Golden State's defense "had a lot to do with" the Pelicans' poor shooting.

"We didn't have the looks we normally have," he said. "We pressed a little bit when we got behind."

Paul, Harden lead Rockets to 3-1 lead

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SALT LAKE CITY — Chris Paul says that many fringe jumpers are like layups for him.

The Houston Rockets have emphasized doubles and three-pointers in becoming one of the NBA's most efficient offenses but Paul's in-between jumpers proved to be the difference when the long-range shots weren't falling.

"I wasn't joking about that," Paul said as his layup counted. "If (Rudy) Gobert's going to back, that's what I'm going to shoot."

Paul had 27 points and 10 rebounds while James Harden scored 24 points to power the Houston Rockets to a 100-87 win over the Utah Jazz on Sunday night, taking a 3-1 lead in the Western Conference semifinal series.

"It showed a lot of grit for us to come in here and win two games," Paul said.

Paul, playing the sidekick to Harden for most of his first season in Houston, took center stage, controlling the tempo and getting to his favorite spots as the Rockets led from start to finish.

"Chris is shooting those shots like a layup," Harden said. "He was extremely aggressive tonight, which we need from him."

Donovan Mitchell scored 25 before fouling out and Joe Ingles had 15 for the Jazz. Mitchell started finding lanes to the basket late and got the Jazz within 85-80 after



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Warriors forward Kevin Durant shoots against the Pelicans Anthony Davis in the first half of Game 4 of their second-round series in New Orleans on Sunday. Durant scored 38 points.

E'Twaun Moore scored 20 and Jrue Holiday 19, but New Orleans reserves combined for just 14 points after scoring 32 two nights earlier. Rajon Rondo finished with 11 rebounds but had only six assists after racking up 21 in Game 3. The Pelicans also committed 19 turnovers, which led 21 Warriors points.

"We missed a lot of easy shots, a couple game-plan discipline mistakes early on and they came out on fire," Davis said. "We just can't afford to shoot that poorly."

"But we've got another one," Davis added. "Any time we've been punched in the mouth, we've always responded very well."

he fueled a 10-2 run, sending the crowd into a frenzy. But Paul, who matched his scoring high for this playoff run, hit a pull-up jumper and found Trevor Ariza for a three-pointer to put the Rockets back up by double digits and they never looked back.

Houston, which has been known for their offensive firepower, put forth a disruptive defensive effort.

Clint Capela, the anchor of the Houston defense, had 12 points, 15 rebounds and six blocks, one of which featured a Dikembe Mutombo-like finger wag in the fourth quarter.

Capela and Mitchell got double technical fouls fighting for rebound in the fourth quarter.

"We missed 22 shots at the rim," Utah coach Quin Snyder said. "We had our chances and didn't convert. Some of them were contested. Some of them were open. You're not going to get any better shot."

The Rockets went up by 15 in the second quarter before the Jazz closed to 51-46 on back-to-back three-point plays by Mitchell. Utah trailed 58-48 at the half.

Neither team was accurate from beyond the arc as the Jazz were 7-for-29 and Houston went 10-for-38.

"There's a lot of different ways to win. We're not strictly a jump-shooting team," D'Antoni said. "Chris has the mid-range, James gets to the basket and you got Clint down there. We've got a

lot of other stuff we can go to."

Already without Ricky Rubio, the Jazz lost back-up point guard Dante Exum in the third quarter, also to a hamstring injury. Exum was a surprising offensive spark for the Jazz with 9 points in the first period, but picked up three fouls guarding Harden.

Rubio missed his fourth straight game due to a left hamstring strain suffered in opening round but is close to returning.

"Houston is that good. Give them credit. They know how to control a game," Snyder said. "In spite of that, I thought we just hung in there and took shots and kept coming and kept coming and eventually couldn't get over the hill."

Rudy Gobert is a leading candidate for Defensive Player of the Year, but Capela has been the most significant deterrent to getting to the basket in this series. He altered 20 shots in this game and has 13 blocks in the series while also making his presence known on the offensive end with double-digit scoring in each contest. "Every single night, he has our back," said Harden, who got in Capela's face and yelled his approval at the end of the game. "He doesn't get a lot of credit for it and doesn't ask for a lot."

Near the end of the game, Capela told D'Antoni he needed a rest. But the Rockets called a time out and then the big center said he could finish.

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■ Lightning advance to 3rd Eastern final in 4 years

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SAN JOSE, Calif.

The crew of castoffs that carried the expansion Vegas Golden Knights to a division title and two rounds of the playoffs in a reality-defying season are more than just a feel-good story.

They've proven themselves to be legitimate Stanley Cup contenders.

Marc-Andre Fleury was his usual brilliant self with 28 saves in his fourth shutout of the postseason and Vegas benefited from a couple of fortunate bounces to advance to the Western Conference Final with a 3-0 victory over the San Jose Sharks on Sunday.

"It's a bit crazy thinking about it for sure," defenseman Brayden McNabb said. "But we're here to win. We're not going to get caught up in we shouldn't be here or whatever. We're here to win."

The Golden Knights have done that all season despite being thrown together at the expansion draft last June among players deemed expendable by their former teams. They won eight of nine games to open the season to take the league by a bit of shock, posted 109 points to win a Pacific Division filled with playoff-tested teams and then gone 8-2 in the playoffs with a first-round sweep against Los Angeles and a six-game series win over the Sharks.

They became just the third team in NHL history to win multiple series in its first season. The Toronto Arenas won the Stanley Cup in the first postseason in league history in 1918 and St. Louis won two rounds to win the all-expansion West Division in 1968.

Next up for Vegas is the Western Conference Final against either Winnipeg or Nashville. The Jets lead that series 3-2 heading into Game 6 at home on Monday night.

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Vegas Golden Knights goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury, right, is hugged by teammate Brayden McNabb after a 3-0 victory over the San Jose Sharks in Game 6 of their second-round playoff series Sunday in San Jose, Calif.

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